



Annual Report 2011

Limerick City Council looks back
at key achievements over the past financial year

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Limerick City Council
Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

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Foreword

The Council's primary aim is to develop Limerick City as a creative and sustainable location for people who live, visit and work in the city. The Council is committed to the development of the city in a manner that will allow all sections of the community to grow and realise their full potential.

In support of these aims, the Council, working in partnership with its communities and other agencies, will continue to provide high quality services that encourage and support the growth of the city. This partnership approach to service delivery will allow for the realisation of the potential of the city as the capital and driver of economic, social and cultural activity in the wider Mid West region.

The Council is committed to the provision of these services in the most cost effective and efficient manner, thereby reducing the cost base for its consumers to allow for and stimulate greater investment and development in the city.

2011 continued the trend of previous years and was a very challenging year for city centre businesses, as Ireland's economy contracted in the face of the international recession and government expenditure reduced in accordance with the National Recovery Plan.

The City Council recognised these challenges and continued to curtail expenditure. As a consequence, the Council reduced the annual rate of valuation by 0.5% in 2011.

The elected members, management and staff are united in controlling costs, and delivering better value for money while protecting services. Government funding of local authorities continues to reduce. This approach has required the Council to make difficult choices over a number of years but is helping city centre businesses cope with an extremely challenging trading environment. Limerick has, unfortunately, many of the characteristics

of an edge city with excess development in the suburbs contrasting with underinvestment, and consequent underdevelopment, in the city centre. The city centre must be restored to its primacy as part of the regeneration of the city.

In this regard, Limerick City Council acquired the 3.5 acre Opera Centre site at a cost of €12.5m in December 2011. This is a pivotal site within the overall city context and its strategic location provides a major opportunity to realise the development ambitions of the Council. The Council is currently considering all options in relation to the proposed future development of this site. The challenge facing the Council is to identify the optimum uses of this site and to develop the site in a sustainable manner.

The members of Limerick City Council approved the introduction of a pilot retail incentive scheme for vacant property at its meeting in April 2011. The scheme was formally launched in May 2011.

The pilot Retail Incentive Scheme for vacant property offers grants for the encouragement of city centre higher order retail uses on key Limerick city streets in order to address vacancy in these locations. It is anticipated that the scheme will contribute to the economic vitality and vibrancy of the city centre, and is a further testimony to the commitment of the Council to the redevelopment of the city centre.

The Limerick City Centre Remodelling of Streets and Public Open Spaces Programme continued in 2011 with the €3.2m William Street and Sarsfield Street enhancement scheme with a view to developing this area

as a pedestrian friendly environment. The Council also secured funding in 2011 for extensive upgrade works in the historical John's Square area of the city.

In September 2011 An Bord Pleanála decided to grant an order in relation to the proposed Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road which has been identified as an essential element to the strategic transport system for the Limerick-Shannon-Ennis Region. Tenders were sought for the underground investigation works in late 2011.

The proposed route will also improve transport connections in the northern environs of the city and contribute to the redevelopment of the area.

BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

The Cabinet, in June 2011, approved a new Local Government Structure for Limerick to boost local economic activity and create potential savings over time. It is anticipated that the proposed restructuring will reduce costs for Limerick businesses through the reduction in the annual rate of valuation. The proposed restructuring will also yield economic benefits through greater cohesion and co-ordination with other development and enterprise agencies. The restructuring will also create an authority with the scale and capacity to meet the social and economic challenges facing Limerick.

The two local authorities commenced work in 2011 on new appropriate management arrangements with a view to delivering a smooth transition to the new unitary authority in 2014.

REGENERATION

The Council continues to deliver the objectives of the Limerick Regeneration Master Plans with 2011 being a particularly busy year. The work programme undertaken contributed to improvement in the living conditions of residents and also provided a stimulus to the local economy.

During 2011 work on the construction of 33 houses/apartments commenced at Cliona Park, Moyross. This development will be completed by the end of 2012. In addition, preparatory work was also progressed on other sites such as Colivet Drive (rear of the LEDP), Lord Edward Street, Wallers Well (turn key) and Vizes Court.

The Council in 2011 carried out retrofitting works to houses that are earmarked for retention in the Draft Implementation Plans. It also installed central heating, as an interim measure to alleviate hardship, to a number of houses that will be demolished over the lifetime of the project.

In addition to the retrofitting works, the Council also met the needs of more than 250 households during the year using the other options available to it.

HISTORICAL LIFE OF THE CITY

Limerick City is a city rich in heritage, folklore and tradition and the Council is committed to capturing and recording for posterity these traditions.

During 2011 the Limerick City Archives department and students of Mary Immaculate College participated in an oral history project with former workers from Ranks Flour

Mills. The Mills provided employment for generations of Limerick families and the interviews were an invaluable source in researching the history of Ranks in Limerick. It is the intention of the Council to develop similar projects which highlight key aspects of life in Limerick's recent past and historical development.

SUMMARY

We would like to conclude by thanking all those individuals and outside agencies who engaged with the Council at all levels during 2011.

It is clear that significant progress was made in a number of areas in 2011 and this progress was achieved through the full co-operation and support of the members of the Council, staff and those outside agencies and individuals who contributed to the development of Limerick City in 2011.

Notwithstanding this progress, it is also clear that many challenges and opportunities face the city over the coming years if sustainable growth and economic development is to be achieved.

We again thank all involved and look forward to this continued support and participation to develop our city to its fullest extent.

Cllr. Jim Long
Mayor of Limerick

Kieran Lehane
City Manager



Cllr. Jim Long *Mayor of Limerick*



Kieran Lehane *City Manager*

Brollach

Is í príomhaidhm na Comhairle Cathair Luimnigh a fhorbairt mar láthair chruthaitheach agus inbhuanaithe do dhaoine ina gcónaí ann, a thugann cuairt uirthi agus a oibríonn sa chathair. Tá an Chomhairle tiomanta d'fhorbairt na cathrach ar mhodh a thabharfaidh deis do ghnéithe uile an phobail a fhás agus a gcumas iomlán a bhaint amach.

Chun tacú leis na haidhmeanna seo, leanfaidh an Chomhairle, ag obair i bpáirt lena pobail agus gníomhaireachtaí eile, ag cur seirbhísí ar ardchaighdeán ar fáil a spreagann agus a thacaíonn fás na cathrach. Leis an gcur chuige páirtíochta seo maidir le soláthar seirbhíse féadfar cumas iomlán na cathrach mar phríomhchathair agus spreagthóir gníomaíochtaí geilleagracha, sóisialta agus cultúrtha i mór réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair a bhaint amach.

Tá an Chomhairle tiomanta do sholáthar na seirbhísí seo sa mhodh is éifeachtúla ó thaobh costais de agus is éifeachtaí, agus leis sin laghdófar an bonn costais dá tomhaltóirí chun tuilleadh infheistíochta agus forbartha sa chathair a cheadú agus a spreagadh.

Cosúil leis na blianta roimhe, ba bhliain dhúshlánach a bhí in 2011 don lucht gnó i lár na cathrach, de réir mar a bhí geilleagar na hÉireann á gcrapadh de dheasca an chúlaithe idirnáisiúnta agus laghdú ar chaiteachas rialtais i gcomhréir leis an bPlean Téarnaimh Náisiúnta.

D'aithin an Chomhairle Cathrach na dúshláin seo agus leanadh le caiteachas a chiorrú. De dhroim sin, laghdaigh an Chomhairle an ráta bliantúil luachála de 0.5% sa bhliain 2011.

Tá na baill thofa, an lucht bainistíochta agus an fhoireann ar aon intinn maidir le costais a rialú agus maidir le luach níos fearr ar airgead a sholáthar agus seirbhísí á gcosaint. Leantar le maoiniú ón rialtas ar údaráis áitiúla a laghdú. Mar gheall ar an gcur chuige seo, bhí ar an gComhairle roghanna deacra a dhéanamh thar roinnt blianta ach tá an cur chuige ag cabhrú le lucht gnó i lár na cathrach le timpeallacht trádála atá thar a bheith dúshlánach.

Ar an drochuair, tá roinnt tréithe de chathair ar an imeall ag Luimneach le forbairt iomarcach sna bruachbhailte i gcodarsnacht le hinfheistíocht easnamhach agus tearcforbairt mar gheall air sin, i lár na cathrach. Caithfear príomhacht lár na cathrach a athbhunú mar chuid d'athbheochan na cathrach.

I ndáil leis seo, fuair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh láithreán 3.5 acra an Ionaid Ceoldrámaíochta ar chostas €12.5m i mí na Nollag 2011. Is láithreán ríthábhachtach é seo i gcomhthéacs iomlán na cathrach agus cuireann a shuíomh straitéiseach an-deis ar fáil chun uailmhianta forbartha na Comhairle a bhaint amach. Tá an Chomhairle ag déanamh machnaimh faoi láthair ar na roghanna uile i ndáil le forbairt mholta an láithreáin amach anseo. An dúshlán atá os comhair na Comhairle ná úsáidí barrmhaithe an láithreáin a aithint agus an láithreán a fhorbairt ar mhodh inbhuanaithe.

D'fhaomh baill Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh treoirscéim dreasachta miondíola um áitreabh folamh a thabhairt isteach ag a cruinniú i mí Aibreáin 2011. Seoladh an scéim go foirmiúil i mí na Bealtaine 2011.

Cuireann an Threoirscéim Dreasachta Miondíola um áitreabh folamh deontais ar fáil chun úsáidí miondíola ardoidr a spreagadh i lár na cathrach ar phríomhshráideanna chathair Luimnigh chun dul i ngleic le háitrimh fholmha sna suíomhanna sin. Meastar go gcuirfidh an scéim le beogacht gheilleagrach lár na cathrach, agus is tuilleadh fianaise é seo ar thiomantas na Comhairle maidir le hathfhorbairt lár na cathrach.

Leanadh leis an gClár Lár Cathrach Luimnigh um Spásanna Oscailte Poiblí agus Athmhúnlú na Sráideanna

sa bhliain 2011 leis an scéim feabhsúcháin €3.2m Shráid Liam agus Shráid an tSáirséalaigh d'fhonn an ceantar seo a fhorbairt mar cheantar neamhdhíobhálach do choisithe. Fuair an Chomhairle maoiniú freisin sa bhliain 2011 le haghaidh oibreacha fairsinge uasghrádaithe i gceantar stairiúil na cathrach, Cearnóg Eoin.

I mí Mheán Fómhair chinn an Bord Pleanála ordú a dheonú i ndáil leis an mBóthar Dáileacháin idir Uí Chuanach agus Cnoc an Lisín. Sainaithníodh an bóthar dáileacháin mar ghné riachtanach den chóras straitéiseach iompair do Réigiún Luimnigh/Shionainne/Inse. Lorgaíodh tairiscintí d'oibreacha iniúchta faoi thalamh go déanach sa bhliain 2011.

Leis an mbealach molta, feabhsóidh ceangail iompair i bpurláin thuaidh na cathrach agus cuirfear le hathfhorbairt an cheantair.

COISTE TEORANN

I mí an Mheithimh 2011, d'fhaomh an Chomh-aireacht Struchtúr nua don Rialtas Áitiúil ionas go mbeidh Luimneach in ann gníomhaíocht eacnamaíochta a spreagadh agus coigilteas poitéinsiúil a chruthú amach anseo. Meastar go laghdóigh an athstruchtúrú molta costais do lucht gnó Luimnigh tríd an laghdú ar an ráta bliantúil luachála. Lena chois sin, beidh tairbhí eacnamaíochta mar thoradh ar an athstruchtúrú molta trí chomhtháthú agus trí chomhordú níos fearr le gníomhaireachtaí forbartha agus frontair eile. Cruthófar leis an athstruchtúrú freisin údarás leis an acmhainn agus leis an gcumas chun dul i ngleic leis na dúshláin shóisialta agus eacnamaíochta os comhair Luimnigh.

Thosaigh an dá údarás áitiúil ag obair sa bhliain 2011 ar shocrúcháin bhainistíochta chuí nua ar mhaithe le hathrú rianúil a sheachadadh chuig an údarás aonadach sa bhliain 2014.

ATHBHEOCHAN

Leanann an Chomhairle léi ag seachadadh spriocanna Mháistirphleananna um Athbheochan Luimnigh le 2011 go háirithe ina bliain ghnóthach. Leis an gclár oibre ar tugadh faoi cuireadh le feabhsú ar choinníollacha maireachtála cónaitheoirí agus freisin soláthraíodh spreagadh don gheilleagar áitiúil.

I rith 2011 cuireadh tús le hobair tógála de 33 theach/arasán i bPáirc Chlóna, Maigh Rois, atá le críochnú faoi dheireadh 2012.

Críochnófar an fhorbairt seo faoi dheireadh 2012. Ina theannta sin, rinneadh dul chun cinn ar obair ullmhúcháin ar láithreáin eile amhail Céide Colivet (ar chúl an LEDP), Sráid an Tiarna Éadbhard, Tobar Wallers (lándéanta) agus Cúirt Vize.

Thug an Chomhairle faoi oibreacha iarfheistithe ar thithe atá comharthaithe le haghaidh coinneála sna Dréachtphleananna Forfheidhmithe sa bhliain 2011. Shuiteáil an chomhairle freisin téamh lárnach, mar bheart eatramhach chun faoiseamh a fháil ar chruatan, i roinnt tithe a bheidh le scartáil i rith ré an tionscadail seo.

Chomh maith leis na hoibreacha iarfheistithe, d'fhreastail an Chomhairle ar riachtanais de bhreis agus 250 teaghlach i rith na bliana ag baint úsáide as na roghanna eile a bhí ar fáil di.

SAOL STARIÚIL NA CATHRACH

Is cathair í Luimneach atá lán d'oidhreacht, de bhéaloideas agus de thraidisún agus tá an Chomhairle tiomanta do ghreim a fháil ar na traidisiúin seo agus taifead a dhéanamh dóibh do mhuintir na todhchaí.

I rith 2011 ghlac an Rannóg um Chartlann Chathair Luimnigh agus daltaí Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál i dtionscadal staire béil le hiaroibrithe ó Mhuilinn Phlúir Ranks. Sholáthraigh na Muillin fostaíocht do ghlúine theaghlaigh Luimnigh agus bhí na hagallaimh ina bhfoinse thábhachtach de stair Ranks i Luimneach. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gComhairle tionscadail chosúla a fhorbairt leagan béim ar phríomhghnéithe an tsaoil i stair Luimnigh le déanaí agus forbairt stairiúla.

ACHOIMRE

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil leis na daoine agus leis na gníomhaireachtaí seachtracha uile sin a chabhraigh leis an gComhairle ar an uile bhealach i rith 2011.

Tá sé soiléir go ndearnadh dul chun cinn suntasach i roinnt réimsí sa bhliain 2011 agus gur baineadh an dul chun cinn seo amach le comhar agus tacaíocht iomlán a thabhairt do bhaill na Comhairle, don fhoireann agus do na gníomhaireachtaí agus daoine seachtracha a chur le forbairt Chathair Luimnigh sa bhliain 2011.

In ainneoin an dul chun cinn seo, tá sé soiléir go bhfuil roinnt dúshlán agus deiseanna os comhair na cathrach sna blianta amach romhainn chun fás inbhuanaithe agus forbairt gheilleagrach a bhaint amach.

Gabhaimid ár mbuíochas arís le gach duine a bhí páirteach agus táimid ag súil le tacaíocht agus rannpháirtíocht leanúnach chun cumas forbartha iomlán ár gcathrach a bhaint amach.

Clr Jim Long

Méara Luimnigh

Kieran Lehane

Bainisteoir Cathrach

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Mayoral & Civic Receptions



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- 1-3 Civic Reception for the Munster team to mark their Magners League Victory
- 4 Mayoral Reception for Michael Punch
- 5-6 Civic Reception for Pike Rovers

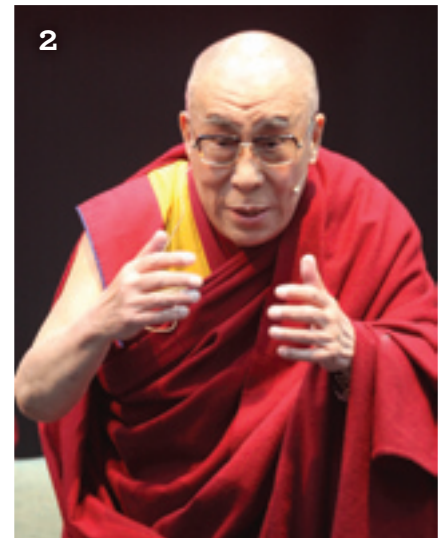
Opposite Page:

- 7-8 Civic Reception for Everest climber Mark Quinn, UL Bohs & UL Ladies Basketball Team

- 9 Mayoral Reception for Paddy McMahon & Paddy O'Connell for their contribution to Limerick sport
- 10 Honouring Limerick Ladies Gaelic Football
- 11 Ambassador of Hungary Ferenc Jári welcomed to City Hall
- 12-14 Visit of Chinese delegation including Mr. Yang Wize & Mr. Lou Linguan, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland
- 15 Mayoral Reception for Boherbuoy Brass & Reed Band
- 16 Honouring ocean rower Seán McGowan



Highlights of the Year



This page:

- 1-2 Over 3,100 people attended the public address by His Holiness the Dalai Lama 'The Power of Forgiveness' at the University of Limerick
- 3 Siobhan O'Reilly, Sheila Deegan, Mike Fitzpatrick, Minister Jimmy Denihan TD, Pippa Little & Helen Carey at the official re-opening of Limerick City Gallery of Art
- 4 Luke Grimes at Limerick Person of the Year Awards
- 5-6 Mayor Long, Ministers & City Councillors joined former soldiers & relatives of the men and women who died during past wars, or while on service with the United Nations, to honour their sacrifice.



Opposite Page:

- 7-8 JP McManus presents a medallion in his honour to the Mayoral Chain
- 9 A Pitch for Shane - Mary Geoghegan (Shane's mother) and Margaret Walsh (aunt) at official opening of exhibition of 20,000 clay figurines created in memory of slain rugby player Shane Geoghegan
- 10 Tom Oscar Maye, seven year old cousin of Shane Geoghegan, pictured with Cllr Maria Byrne
- 11 XXX



European City of Sport



- 1 City Council personnel taking part in the Duathlon: (L to R) Jason Murphy, Sheila Deegan, Paul Batty, Joe Delaney & Jennifer McNulty
- 2-4 Action from the Limerick ETU Duathlon European Championship
- 5 Emily Hurley Special Olympics, Keith Earls, John Galvin, Brian O'Driscoll & Peter Clohessy celebrate Limerick's reign as European City of Sport





- 6 Munster v London Irish, Thomond Park
- 7 Munster v Ulster
- 8 Shannon v St. Marys
- 9 Garryowen v Blackrock
- 10 Limerick v Cork U21 final
- 11 Limerick v Tipperary
- 12 Great Limerick Run

European City of Sport



- 1 Ladies double scull race, Limerick Rowing Regatta
- 2-5 Great Limerick Run
- 6 Traditional Limerick Gandelow Races
- 7 Thomond Swim





Interprovincial Sprints Regatta, September

Festivals & Celebrations



1-5 Springfest's St. Patrick's Day Parade fun

3 Grand Marshal John Hayes with his daughters Roisin & Sally enjoying the parade

6-7 Minister Simon Coveney T.D. at the Regional Food Conference in Thomond Park

8 Band members of The Coronas switching on the Christmas lights with Mayor Jim Long

9 Limerick On Ice





- 10 L to R: Trinity and Eden Minehan launch Limerick Bike Week with Mayor Maria Byrne
- 11 Family fun at Limerick Bike Parade
- 12 Munster's Paul O'Connell with boy band JLS in Thomond Park before their concert
- 13 Limerick Pride Parade
- 14 Imelda May concert, Milk Market
- 15-18 Riverfest, May Bank Holiday



Members of Limerick City Council

Baill de Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh



- 01.** Cllr. Jim Long, FG
- 02.** Cllr. Ger Fahy, FG
- 03.** Cllr. Cormac Hurley, FG
- 04.** Cllr. Maria Byrne, FG
- 05.** Cllr. Pat Kennedy, FG

- 06.** Cllr. Tom Shortt, LAB
- 07.** Cllr. Joe Leddin, LAB
- 08.** Cllr. Diarmuid Scully, FG
- 09.** Cllr. Denis McCarthy, FG



10. Cllr. Michael Hourigan, FG

11. Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, FF

12. Cllr. Kathleen Leddin, Non-Party

13. Cllr. Orla McLoughlin, LAB

14. Cllr. Kevin Kiely, Non-Party

15. Cllr. Gerry McLoughlin, LAB

16. Cllr. Maurice Quinlivan, SF

17. Cllr. John Gilligan, Non-Party

managing our valuable resources



an efficient
& responsive
City Hall

Corporate Services

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successful operation of meetings of City Council:
 - 20 Meetings.
 - 18 Tender Openings.
- Organisation of 4 Civic and 46 Mayoral Receptions
- Publication of Supplements to the Register of Electors, Draft Register of Electors, Register of Electors, and Edited Version of Register of Electors.
- Ongoing implementation of Irish Language Scheme.
- Assessing, processing and payment of Higher Education Grants.
- Continued updating information on City Council website and intranet.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruitment

The staffing complement including part-time employees for Limerick City Council at 31st December 2011 was 518 (527 in 2010). The figures are categorised as follows with the 2010 figures in brackets.

Managerial/Administrative	176	(175)
Professional/Technical	52	(53)
Full-time Fire-Fighters	60	(57)
Craft, General and related grades	211	(218)
Other staff	18	(24)

518 equates to 474.14 on a full time basis.
(527 equates to 485.41 on a full time basis)

The figures demonstrate a 1.7% reduction on the previous year. The challenge for the City Council is to continue to maintain and improve services while employee numbers decline.

Work Experience/Work Placements

The City Council continue to place emphasis on strengthening our relationship and supporting the various placement schemes for second and third level schools throughout the county and city and also with many other organisations including FÁS and the VEC. 29 students availed of this facility in 2011.



L to R: Joan O'Shea, Irene Griffin, Terri O'Mahony, Ann Marie Lynch, Máire Ahern, Mary Kennedy, Denise Cregan, Mairéad Lenihan, Sadie Doyle & Andrea Forde



L to R: Margaret McEvoy, Pat Butler, Eamon Leahy & Claire Prendergast

Jobs Initiative Scheme

In conjunction with FÁS, Limerick City Council continued to support the employment of nine staff members under the Job Initiative Scheme.

Staff Training

The Council continued to provide essential training for staff to meet their specific needs identified in their Personal Development Plans. As a value for money measure, where possible, training was delivered locally by in-house trainers and also by joining with neighbouring local authorities. The Roscrea Regional Training Centre continued to provide a training service for the delivery of certified training programmes to Roads, Environment and Water Services staff under the respective Training Grant Schemes. City Council also supported staff development, where possible, by providing funding for further education courses.

The Service Indicator for expenditure on Staff Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs for 2011 was 5.02%.

Some of the courses successfully completed included: Capital Project Appraisal, Professional Withholding Tax, Minute Taking, Interview Skills, Communications Skills, Discharge Licensing, IT, Train the Trainer, Agresso, Parks Equipment Training, Architectural Conservation, Pre-Retirement, Advanced PAYE/PRSI, CORE, Leadership Programme, Certificate/Diploma/Degree in Local Government Studies, Diploma in Library & Information Studies, Interactive online Reading Development, Child Safeguarding, Dignity at Work, Performance Management & Development System.

Family Friendly Policies

The number of staff who have availed of leave under the various schemes in 2011:

Parental	22
Worksharing	39
Career Break/Secondment	16
Term Time	18
Flexitime	151

Staff Counselling/Support Service

The Human Resources Department continues to recognise the importance of a Staff Counselling Service which is available to all staff and provides an opportunity to access professional counselling to assist staff on a confidential basis.

In March the Council commenced a formal Employee Assistance Programme. The programme offers a 24 hour/7 day a week information, counselling and advice telephone line. Face to face counselling is also provided under the programme and a website containing significant information on legal, financial and health matters is accessible.

Retirements/Resignations

During the year 36 City Council personnels' employment ended. 19 retired including 7 for reasons of ill health.

The value of the 19 retirement lump sums is as follows:

Gross Lump Sums paid	€1,029,918.18
Deductions made	€ 83,760.80
Nett Lump Sums paid	€946,157.38

ICT DEPARTMENT

The ICT Department continued to focus on efficiencies and cost reduction initiatives in all areas for Limerick City Council. The ICT service desk system offers comprehensive support to end users, councillors, museum and libraries of Limerick City Council dealing with over 3,500 support requests in 2011.

Reduced Licensing Costs by Using Open Source

During the year we continued the deployment of Open Source technologies for email, document, spreadsheet and presentation processing in order to achieve improved performance, avoiding vendor lock-in and therefore long term sustainable costs savings.



L to R: Sinéad McDonnell, Liam Cantillon, Phil Mann, Anne Cusack, Olive Heffron, Kathy O'Grady, Dearbhla Koevoets, Tara Flanagan, Majella O'Brien, Paul McAnespie & Paul Foley

LibreOffice Upgrade

When licensing rights over OpenOffice - an office management suite - were claimed by Oracle, a global software company, the ICT department avoided expensive licensing costs due to vendor lock-in by migrating all our users to the free community version called LibreOffice. This clearly demonstrated, as anticipated in 2010, the advantages of open source software: freedom to choose from multiple options avoiding vendor lock-in and an overall better negotiation and purchasing position. As of the end of 2011 all our 440 users are using LibreOffice and more than 50% use it exclusively. The introduction of open source software also provided an opportunity to up-skill our staff in a structured manner and enable personal development. In 2011 training in document, spreadsheet and presentation processing has been provided to 54 users.

Email Upgrade

In 2011 the ICT Department started the migration process to an open source email system. It has been a sizable challenge to change a system that has been in use for over 12 years and which affected the communications for all our users. The project has been successfully completed. The ICT Department migrated and provided individual training for all our 440 users which are now using a web based email solution called Zarafa. This solution allows our users to access email from anywhere on any platform (Linux, Apple or Windows), in any browser (Firefox, Google Chrome or Internet Explorer) and on any smart device including smart mobile phones and tablet devices without the need for technical support. With this solution the number of users can increase without any additional licensing costs as Zarafa is an open source product. This newer technology allowed us to increase the performance of our email system: each user can now receive and store up to 8 times more messages while the largest attachment that can be sent or received by email is now 5 times larger, up to 25mb in file size.



L to R: Liz Creamer, Martina Caufield, Lizanne Jackman & Norah O'Connor



L to R: Helen Creed & Majella O'Callaghan

Data Access on Mobile Devices

In order to improve the effectiveness of our staff the ICT Department introduced mobile technologies in a pilot phase for access to corporate data. Email and web access on mobile phones is now provided to relevant staff, based on business requirements. The costs associated with this process have been minimised and also facilitated by the introduction of open source software.

Reduced Printing Costs - Printing Policy

Following the adoption of a Printing Policy and a public tender, the ICT Department consolidated the printing and copying equipment used by Limerick City Council. Six multi-functional devices (printer/copier/fax/scanner) and 20 monochrome printers replaced 70 old printers; this represents a 40% reduction in the number of devices and a consolidation from 52 models and 9 makes of printers to only 5 models and 3 makes of devices. This enables us to purchase toner in bulk, at a competitive price. We centralised the maintenance, toner purchasing and reporting of costs. All our printers are now set to duplex (double sided) thus reducing paper consumption. The deployment of scanning features also enables us to reduce paper consumption and promotes the electronic delivery of documents.

Social Media

Limerick City Council started in 2010 to utilise social media to further enhance communications with the public and various stakeholder organisations. During the severe weather conditions in December 2010 we provided updates not only through traditional methods, i.e. media releases and website updates, but also using social media sites such as Twitter.

In order to expand the usage of these communication channels a Social Media Policy was developed and adopted in 2011. This policy provides all employees of Limerick City Council with proper guidance as to how to represent (or not to misrepresent) Limerick City Council on social media websites.

We aim to increase the usage of social media by publishing articles, facilitating discussions and disseminating information through various media related to conducting city business: Twitter, Facebook, Foursquare, etc.

The ICT section has facilitated the uptake of social media in other sections: The Arts Section and Limerick City Gallery of Art now provide updates on Twitter while the City Libraries use both Twitter and Facebook.

The public can now follow us on Twitter @limerickcityco or they can check-in at *City Hall* on Foursquare.

Free Internet Access over WiFi

In an effort to improve the services provided by Limerick City Library, visitors to the Granary, Watch House Cross Community Library and Roxboro Library, can now access the internet over a free WiFi network. The service has also been enabled in all the exhibition, restaurant and adjacent public areas of the newly refurbished Limerick City Gallery of Art. Our plan is to provide the highest standards of communications and a 'connected' visitor experience in all our public spaces by providing free internet access in all our public locations by the end of 2012. Free Internet has been provided in City Hall since March 2011 for all its visitors: in the Council Chamber for media and journalists, for public events that take place in City Hall on a regular basis and for the visitors of the Gallery of Art Off-site which was located in Istabraq Hall during 2011.

SMS Service

An SMS service was set-up in order to provide immediate and direct text message communication with our customers and clients. The service enables us to reduce postage costs and to provide a new, direct and more efficient communication channel.

Facilitate the CORE Project

The CORE project is a nationwide IT project with the aim of centralising HR management across all local authorities. To facilitate this project two sub projects were commissioned: migration of time sheet data to new CORE system and migration of training data to new CORE system. Working with the Human Resources Department the ICT Department deployed electronic time keeping devices in City Hall, the Granary and the Fire Station.

DIEGO

The DIEGO project (Digital Inclusive eGovernance) is a project co-financed by the European Commission under the CIP ICT-PSP to provide access to eGovernment services for all citizens, with special attention to the elderly, the disabled or people living in rural areas and to those to whom new information and communication technologies are still unknown. The ICT Section worked tirelessly during the year to build a content portal which makes on-line council information available to the public in a simple, clear and easy to access manner. Internal business systems such as SARR (the public complaints system) has been integrated in DIEGO.

The DIEGO portal which will be launched in 2012 is available at: simply.limerick.ie

Online Museum Catalogue

The museum catalogue is now maintained and developed using the open source application Collective Access. All museum artifacts are now catalogued by the museum curator using this system. In addition all artifacts (over 55,000 unique items) are now available for the public to browse and search at museum.limerick.ie

Limerick.ie - The official guide to Limerick, Ireland

Following the launch in 2010 of limerick.ie, a new all inclusive on-line voice for Limerick, the ICT Department in Limerick City Council has continuously provided support and development resources in order to ensure that limerick.ie has a 100% availability rate.

At the end of 2011 over 1,300 amenities and over 1,750 events have been published at an average monthly rate of more than 100 events. The website has been used as the central source of information for events and promotional campaigns in Limerick: European City of Sport, St. Patricks Festival, Riverfest, Thomond Park Experience, Bicycle Parade, Intercultural Week, etc. 'Limerick Insider' a monthly news video bulletin is also produced and published on limerick.ie.

In one year the website received almost 200,000 visits from which over 142,000 were unique visitors. *Limerick.ie* is now listed as the number one website when searching Google for information on Limerick. The availability of positive, up-to-date information is invaluable in providing a positive image of Limerick.

Limerick.ie is supported by Limerick City Council, Limerick County Council, Shannon Development, Limerick Co-Ordination Office, Limerick Enterprise Development Partnership, Limerick Chamber, Limerick Regeneration, Integrating Limerick Working Group, Limerick City Enterprise Board, PAUL Partnership and Limerick City and County Development Boards.

HEALTH & SAFETY

To provide safer systems of work thereby ensuring safety and good health and improving effectiveness.

Key activities during 2011 were as follows

- Provision of a new Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) offering emotional support and an express information service to employees and their families.
- Four Management Safety Committee Reviews.
- Risk Assessments.
- Management of the council's safety statements.
- Safety Consultation with staff including five meetings of the Safety Representatives Committee.
- Safety Training: H&S Induction, SafePass, First-aid, Cardiac First Responder, Driver CPC, Fork Truck Training, Snow Plough truck Training: Rigging & Slinging, Site Dumper, Abrasive Wheels, Location of Underground Services, Safety Representative Training.
- Safety toolbox talks for staff.
- Work Positive (Occupational Stress) Assessment.
- Safety Inspections.
- Management of the accident investigation and reporting system.
- Maintained the AED programme (training and inspection).

WORKPLACE PARTNERSHIP

City Council continues to have a strong and committed Partnership Team in place and the Steering Committee held a number of meetings in 2011 at which members are updated at each meeting on the financial situation of City Council. The continued sharing of information between the Trade Unions and Management is pivotal to the process. One of the main successes in 2011 was the agreement of a Protocol in relation to engagement of contractors. Despite the uncertainty of Partnership Nationally in 2011 it was agreed locally there was a need to have some information/consultation in place outside of the IR forum. The Steering Committee will continue to meet on a quarterly basis in 2012.

Partnership also organised annual information sessions for all staff and undertook a number of projects, e.g. Health checks, flu vaccinations, defibrillator training, Train the Trainer, IT training and computer access to staff in external depots.



Dr. John Logan and Dr. David Fleming editors of *'Pauper Limerick The Register of the Limerick House of Industry 1774-1793'* with Jimmy Deenihan, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, at the launch of the publication in City Hall. The original register is held by the Limerick City Archives and is shown on display at the launch of the publication in City Hall.

ARCHIVES

Limerick City Archives is responsible for the preservation and management of the archives and records of Limerick City Council. The City Archives also collects and accepts donations of material relating to Limerick and Limerick people including Limerick Union Board of Guardians, Limerick Chamber of Commerce, and Limerick Harbour Commissioners. Many of these collections have been digitised and are freely available to the public for research on the website www.limerickcity.ie

The digitisation project means that researchers can access original documents on the digital archive including recent additions, the records of Mount St Lawrence extension and the Mount St Oliver.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

C: CORPORATE ISSUES

C.1 Working Days lost to Sickness

A. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through certified leave.	5.67
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B. Percentage of working days lost to sickness absence through uncertified leave	0.97
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C.2 Staff Training and Development

Expenditure on Training and Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	5.02
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Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

ÉACHTAÍ

- Oibriú rathúil chruinnithe na Comhairle Cathrach:
 - 20 Cruinniú.
 - 18 Oscailt Tairisceana.
- Reachtáil 4 Fáiltiú Cathartha agus 46 Fháiltiú Méarachta
- Foilsiú Forlíonta le Clár na dToghthóirí, Dréachtchlár na dToghthóirí, Clár na dToghthóirí agus Eagrán Atheagraithe de Chlár na dToghthóirí.
- Cur i bhfeidhm leanúnach Scéim na Gaeilge.
- Measúnú, próiseáil agus íoc na nDeontas Ard-Oideachais.
- Nuashonrú leantach faisnéise ar láithreán gréasáin agus inlín na Comhairle Cathrach.

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Earcaíocht

Ag an 31 Nollaig 2011, bhí 518 duine fostaithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, fostaithe lánaimseartha ina measc (527 sa bhliain 2010). Is mar seo a leanas, leis na figiúirí a bhaineann le 2011 i lúbíní, a rinneadh catagóiriú ar an figiúirí.

Bainistíocht/Riarachán	176	(175)
Gairmiúil/Teicniúil	52	(53)
Comhraiceoir Dóiteáin Lánaimseartha	60	(57)
Gráid cheardaíochta, Ginearálta agus gaolmhara	211	(218)
Foireann eile	18	(24)

Is ionann 518 agus 474.14 duine ar bhonn lánaimseartha. (Is ionann 527 agus 485.41 duine ar bhonn lánaimseartha)

Léirítear sna figiúirí laghdú 1.7% ar fhigiúirí na bliana roimhe. Is é an dúshlán don Chomhairle Cathrach seirbhísí a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú fad a laghdaítear líon na bhfostaithe.

Taithí Oibre/Lonnúcháin Oibre

Leanann an Chomhairle Cathrach le béim a leagan ar ár ngaolmhaireacht a neartú agus tacú leis na scéimeanna socrúcháin éagsúla do scoileanna dara leibhéal agus tríú leibhéal ar fud an chontae agus na cathrach agus le go leor eagraíochtaí eile, FÁS agus an Coiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh. Bhain 29 mac léinn leas as an áis seo sa bhliain 2011.

Scéim Tionscnaimh Post

Choinnigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh uirthi ag tacú le fostaíocht naonúr ball foirne faoin Scéim Tionscnaimh Post i gcomhar le FÁS.

Oiliúint Foirne

Lean an Chomhairle Cathrach fúithi ag soláthar réimse oiliúna riachtanaí don fhoireann chun na riachtanais ar leith a aithníodh ina bPleananna Forbartha Pearsanta a bhaint amach. Mar bheart luach ar airgead, chomh fada agus ar féidir, soláthraíodh oiliúint go háitiúil le hoiliúnóirí inmheánacha agus freisin trí dhul isteach le húdaráis áitiúla chomharsanacha. Lean Ionad Oiliúna Réigiúnach Ros Cré leis ag soláthar seirbhís oiliúna chun cúrsaí oiliúna deimhnithe a thabhairt do bhail foirne Sheirbhísí Bóithre, Comhshaoil agus Uisce faoi na Scéimeanna Deontas Oiliúna faoi seach. Chomh maith leis sin, thacaigh an Chomhairle Cathrach le forbairt foirne trí mhaoiniú a chur ar fáil do chúrsaí breisoideachais.

Bhí an Léiritheoir Seirbhísí um caiteachas ar Oiliúint agus Forbairt, mar chéatadán de na costais phárolla iomlána, 5.02%.

Ar na cúrsaí a críochnaíodh go rathúil áiríodh na cinn seo a leanas: Breithmheas ar Tionscadal Caipitil, Cáin Shiarchoinneálach Ghairmiúil, Tógáil Miontuairiscí, Scileanna Cumarsáide, Ceadúnú Doirte, TF, Oiliúint don Oiliúnóir, Agresso, Oiliúint Trealamh Páirceanna, Caomhnú Ailtireachta, Réamhscoir, Ardchúrsa ÍMAT/ÁSPC, Clár Ceannais, Teastas/Diplóma/Céim i Staidéar Rialtais Áitiúil, Diplóma i Staidéar Faisnéise & Leabharlainne, Forbairt Léitheoireachta Idirghníomhach ar líne, Cosaint Leanaí, Dínit ag an Obair, Córas um Bainistíocht & Forbairt Feidhmithe.

Beartais fhabhracha do Theaghlaigh

An líon foirne a thóg saoire faoi na scéimeanna éagsúla sa bhliain 2011:

Saoire do thuismitheoirí	22
Roinnt Oibre	39
Sos Gairme/Iasacht	16
Achar Téarma	18
Am Solúbtha	151

Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta/Tacaíochta Foirne

Leanann an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna ag tabhairt aitheantais don tábhacht a bhaineann le Seirbhís Comhairleoireachta Foirne atá ar fáil don fhoireann ar fad agus a thugann deis do gach ball foirne rochtain a bheith acu ar chomhairleoireacht ghairmiúil le cabhrú le baill foirne ar bhonn rúnda.

I mí an Mhárta chuir an Chomhairle tús le Clár Cúnaimh d'Fhostaí foirmiúil. Cuireann an clár seo líne ghutháin le faisnéis, comhairleoireachta agus comhairle ar fáil 24 uair an chloig 7 lá sa tseachtain. Cuirtear comhairleoireacht duine le duine ar fáil freisin faoin gclár agus tá fáil ar shuíomh Idirlín le faisnéis shuntasach maidir le hábhair dlí, airgeadais agus sláinte.

Scor/Éirí as

I rith na bliana tháinig deireadh le fostaíocht 36 bhall foirne na Comhairle Cathrach. Chuaigh 19 ar scor lena n-áirítear 7 ar chúiseanna drochshláinte.

Is iad seo a leanas luach na 19 gcnapshuim scoir:

Oll-chnapshuimeanna a íocadh	€1,029,918.18
Asbhaintí a rinneadh	€ 83,760.80
Cnapshuimeanna Glana a íocadh	€946,157.38

AN RANNÓG TFC

Choinnigh an Rannóg TFC uirthi sa bhliain 2011 ag díriú ar éifeachtúlachtaí agus tionscnaimh laghdaithe chostais sna réimsí uile do Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Cuireann córas deasc seirbhís TFC tacaíocht chuimsitheach ar fáil d'úsáideoirí, do chomhairleoirí, d'iarsmalanna agus do leabharlanna de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ag déileáil le breis agus 3,500 ceist tacaíochta in 2011.

Costais Cheadúnaithe Laghdaithe trí Open Source a Úsáid

I rith na bliana leanamar linn ag forbairt theicneolaíochtaí Open Source le haghaidh próiseáil ríomhphost, doiciméad, scarbhileog agus léirithe chun feidhmiú feabhsaithe a bhaint amach, ag seachaint gaibhniú díoltóirí agus ag teacht ar choigilteas fadtéarma inbhuanaithe dá bharr.

Úasghrádú LibreOffice

Nuair a ghlac Oracle, cuideachta dhomhanda bhogearraí, cearta ceadúnaithe ar OpenOffice - córas bainistíochta oifige -, sheacain an Rannóg TFC costais chostasacha cheadúnaithe mar gheall ar ghaibhniú díoltóirí tríd ár n-úsáideoirí go léir a aistriú go leagan pobail saor in aisce darbh ainm LibreOffice. Léiríodh leis seo go soiléir, mar a ceapadh sa bhliain 2010, buntáistí bogearraí foinsí oscailte: an tsaoirse rogha dhéanamh ó roinnt roghanna chun gaibhniú díoltóirí a sheachaint agus staid níos fearr idirbheartaíochta agus cheannaigh ar an iomlán. Ag deireadh 2011 tá ár n-úsáideoirí uile, 440 úsáideoir, ag úsáid LibreOffice agus níos mó ná 50 % á úsáid agus tada eile á úsáid acu. Thug an tabhairt isteach de bhogearraí foinsí oscailte deis dúinn breisoiliúint a chur ar ár bhfoireann ar mhodh struchtúrtha agus forbairt phearsanta a chumasú. Sa bhliain 2011 cuireadh oiliúint maidir le próiseáil doiciméad, scarbhileog agus léirithe ar fáil do 54 úsáideoir.

Uasghrádú Ríomhphoist

Sa bhliain 2011 chuir an Rannóg TFC tús le hathrú chuig córas ríomhphoist foinse oscailte. Ba mhór an t-athrú é seo ar chóras a bhí in úsáid le breis agus 12 bhliain agus a raibh tionchar aige ar chumarsáid ár n-úsáideoirí uile. Tugadh an tionscadal chun críche go rathúil. D'athraigh an Rannóg TFC agus chuir an Rannóg oiliúint aonair ar fáil don 440 úsáideoir atá ag úsáid réiteach ríomhphoist ar líne anois darbh ainm Zarafa. Leis an réiteach seo ligtear dár n-úsáideoirí rochtain a fháil ar ríomhphost ó aon áit ar aon chlár (Linux, Apple, nó Windows), in aon bhrabhsálaí (Firefox, Google Chrome nó Internet Explorer) agus ar aon ghléas cliste lena n-áirítear fóin chliste agus gléasanna táibléid gan riachtanas ar thacaíocht theicniúil. Leis an réiteach seo féadfaidh líon na n-úsáideoirí ardú gan aon chostais cheadúnaithe bhreise mar is táirge foinse oscailte é Zarafa. Leis an teicneolaíocht nua seo bhí deis againn feidhmiú ár gcóras ríomhphoist a fheabhsú: is féidir le gach úsáideoir suas le 8 n-uaire níos mó teachtaireachtaí a stóráil agus tá an ceangaltán is mó a fhéadfar a sheoladh nó a fháil ar ríomhphost 5 huairé níos mó anois, suas go 25Mb i méid comhaid.

Rochtain Sonraí ar Ghléasanna Soghluaiste

Chun éifeachtacht ár bhfoireann a fheabhsú thug an Rannóg TFC teicneolaíochtaí móibíleacha isteach ar chlár píolótach chun rochtain a fháil ar shonraí corparáideacha. Tá rochtain ar ríomhphost agus ar an Idirlíon ar ghutháin phóca curtha ar fáil anois do na baill ábhartha don fhoireann, bunaithe ar riachtanais. Íoslaghdaíodh na costais a bhaineann leis an bpróiseas seo agus freisin éascaíodh iad le bogearraí foinsí oscailte a thabhairt isteach.

Costais Priontála Laghdaithe - Beartas Priontála

Tar éis Beartas Priontála agus tairiscint phoiblí a ghlacadh, dhaingnigh an Rannóg TFC an trealamh priontála agus cóipeála a úsáideann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Cuireadh sé ghléas ilfheidhmeacha (printéir/cóipire/facs/scanóir) agus 20 printéir monacrómach in ionad 70 printéir sean; is ionann é seo agus laghdú 40% ar líon na ngléasanna agus comhdhlúthú ó 52 leagan agus 9 gcineál printéirí go dtí 5 leagan agus 3 chineál gléasanna. Cuireann sé seo sinn ar ár gcumas tonóir a ceannach ar an mórchóir, ar phraghas iomaíoch. Rinneamar an chothabháil, ceannach an tonóra agus tuairisciú na gcostas a lárú. Tá ár bprintéir uile socraithe chun priontáil ar dhá thaobh an leathanaigh, agus laghdaítear úsáid páipéar dá bharr. Cuireann úsáid urlisí scanacháin muid ar ár gcumas úsáid páipéir a ísliú agus cuireann sé seachadadh leictreonach doiciméad chun cinn.

Na Meáin Shóisialta

Sa bhliain 2010 thosaigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag úsáid na meán sóisialta chun tuilleadh forbartha a dhéanamh ar a cumarsáid leis an bpobal agus le heagraíochtaí éagsúla geallsealbhóirí. I rith na drochaimsire i mí na Nollag 2010 sholáthraíomar nuashonraithe ní amháin trí mhodhanna traidisiúnta, i.e. preaseisiúintí agus nuashonraithe ar shuíomhanna Idirlín, ach freisin trí shuíomhanna na meán, amhail Twitter, a úsáid.

Chun úsáid na mbealaí cumarsáide seo a fhorbairt, forbraíodh agus glacadh le Beartas na Meán Sóisialta sa bhliain 2011. Soláthraíonn an beartas seo treoir chuig d'fhostaí uile Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh maidir le conas Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a chur in iúl (nó a mhalairt) ar shuíomhanna na meán sóisialta.

Tá sé mar aidhm againn úsáid na meán sóisialta a mhéadú trí ailt a fhoilsiú, díospóireachtaí a éascú agus faisnéis a scaipeadh leis na meáin éagsúla a bhaineann le ghnó a stiúradh sa chathair: Twitter, Facebook, Foursquare, etc.

D'éascaigh an Rannóg TFC na meáin shóisialta a roghnú sna Rannóga seo a leanas: Soláthraíonn an Rannóg Ealaíon agus Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh nuashonruithe ar Twitter anois agus úsáideann Leabharlanna na Cathrach Twitter agus Facebook araon.

Is féidir leis an bpobal muid a leanúint ar Twitter anois @limerickcityco nó is féidir seiceáil isteach ag *Halla na Cathrach* ar Foursquare.

Rochtain Saor in Aisce ar an Idirlíon le WiFi

Ar iarracht chun na seirbhísí a sholáthraíonn Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh, is féidir le cuairteoirí chuig na Gráinsí, Leabharlann Phobail Chrois Theach na Foraíre agus Leabharlann Roxboro rochtain a fháil ar an Idirlíon le gréasán WiFi saor in aisce. Cuireadh an tseirbhís seo ar fáil freisin i seomraí taispeántais, i mbialanna agus i limistéir phoiblí uile Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh a athchóiríodh le déanaí. An plean atá againn ná na caighdeáin chumarsáide is airde agus eispéireas don chuairoteoir 'nasctha' a sholáthar inár spásanna poiblí uile trí rochtain saor in aisce ar an Idirlíon a chur ar fáil inár láithreacha poiblí uile faoi dheireadh 2012. Tá fáil saor in aisce ar an Idirlíon i Halla na Cathrach ó Mhárta 2011 dá cuairteoirí uile: i Seomra na Comhairle le haghaidh na meán agus iriseoirí, le haghaidh ócáidí poiblí a bhíonn ar siúl i Halla na Cathrach ar bhonn rialta agus le haghaidh cuairteoirí na Dánlainne Seachtraí a bunaíodh i Halla Istabraiq i rith 2011.

Seribhís SMS

Cuireadh seribhís SMS ar bun chun cumarsáid láithreach agus dhíreach a sholáthar trí theachtaireachtaí téacs lenár gcustaiméirí agus lenár gcliaint. Cuireann an tseirbhís seo muid ar ár gcumas costais phostais a laghdú agus bealach cumarsáide nua, díreach agus níos éifeachtúla a sholáthar.

Tionscadal CORE a éascú

Is tionscadal náisiúnta TF é tionscadal CORE agus an aidhm atá leis ná bainistíocht Acmhainní Daonna a lárnú thar na húdaráis áitiúla uile. Chun an tionscadal seo a éascú rinneadh dhá fho-thionscadal a choimisiúnú: sonraí ó bhileog ama a athrú go dtí córas nua CORE agus sonraí oiliúna a athrú go dtí córas nua CORE. Ag obair leis an Rannóg Acmhainní Daonna bhain an Rannóg TFC feidhm as gléasanna leictreonacha amadóireachta i Halla na Cathrach, sna Gráinsí agus sa Stáisiún Dóiteáin.

DIEGO

Is tionscadal páirtmhaoinithe ag an gCoimisiún Eorpach é an tionscadal DIEGO (r-Rialachas Cuimsitheach Digiteach) faoi CIP ICT-PSP chun rochtain ar sheirbhísí r-Rialachas a sholáthar do na saoránaigh uile, le haird ar leith ar dhaoine aosta, ar dhaoine faoi mhíchumas nó ar dhaoine ina gcónaí i gceantair thuaithe agus agus ar iad súid nach bhfuil taithí acu ar theicneolaíochtaí nua faisnéise agus cumarsáide go fóill. D'oibrigh an Rannóg TFC gan staonadh i rith na bliana chun tairseach a chruthú a chuireann faisnéise ar líne na comhairle ar fáil don phobal ar mhodh simplí, soiléir agus éasca le rochtain a ndéanamh air. Rinneadh córais ghnó inmheánacha amhail SARR (an córas um ghearáin phoiblí) a chomhtháthú in DIEGO.

Tá teacht ar thairseach DIEGO, a sheolfar sa bhliain 2012 ag: simply.limerick.ie

Catalóg ar líne na hIarsmalainne

Déantar catalóg na hIarsmalainne a choinneáil agus a fhorbairt anois ag baint úsáide as an bhfeidhmchlár foinse oscailte Collective Access. Tá déantáin uile na hIarsmalainne catalógaithe ag coimeádaí na hIarsmalainne ag baint úsáide as an gcóras seo. Ina theannta sin tá na déantáin uile (breis agus 55,000 earra leithleach) ar fáil don phobal le brabhsáil agus cuardach ag museum.limerick.ie.

Limerick.ie – An treoir oifigiúil ar Luimneach, Éire

Tar éis seoladh sa bhliain 2010 de *limerick.ie*, guth úrnua cuimsitheach do Luimneach, chuir an Rannóg TFC i Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh acmhainní tacaíochta agus forbartha ar fáil go leanúnach chun a áirithiú go mbeidh ráta infhaighteachta 100% ag *limerick.ie*.

Ag deireadh 2011 tá breis agus 1,300 conláiste agus breis agus 1,750 ócáid foilsithe le meánráta de níos mó ná 100 ócáid in aghaidh na míosa. Úsáideadh an suíomh mar lárfhoinse faisnéise maidir le hócáidí agus feachtais fógraíochta i Luimneach: Cathair Eorpach an Spóirt, Féile Naomh Pádraig, Féile na hAbhann, Eispéireas Pháirc Thuamhan, Paráid Rothar, an tSeachtain Idirchultúrachais, etc. Cuirtear i láthair agus foilsítear freisin ‘Limerick Insider’, feasachán nuachta fise míosúil ar Limerick.ie.

In aon bhliain amháin tugadh beagnach 200,000 cuairt ar an suíomh agus bhí 142,000 ina gcuaríteoir ar leith. Liostaítear *Limerick.ie* sa chéad áit anois nuair a dhéantar cuardach ar Google le haghaidh faisnéise maidir le Luimneach. Tá fáil ar fhaisnéis dhearfach atá suas chun dáta thar a bheith luachmhar chun íomha dearfach de Luimneach a chruthú.

Tacaíonn na heagraíochtaí seo a leanas le *Limerick.ie*: Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, Comhairle Contae Luimnigh, Forbairt Shionainne, Oifig Comhordaithe Luimnigh, Comhpháirtíocht um Fhorbairt Fiontar Luimnigh, Comhlachas Luimnigh, Athbheochan Luimnigh, Meitheal um Luimneach a Chomhtháthú, Bord Fiontar Cathrach Luimnigh, Comhpháirtíocht PAUL agus Bord Forbartha Cathrach Luimnigh agus Bord Forbartha Contae Luimnigh.

SLÁINTE & SÁBHÁILTEACHT

Córais oibre níos sláine a chur ar fáil, ag deimhniú sábháilteachta agus dea-shláinte agus ag feabhsú éifeachtúlachta mar thoradh.

Tá na nithe seo a leanas i measc na ngníomhaíochtaí tábhachtacha a eagraíodh le linn 2011:

- Soláthraíodh Clár Cúnaimh d'Fhostaí (CCF) a thairgeann tacaíocht mhothúcháinach agus seirbhís shainráite faisnéise d'fhostaithe agus dá gclann.
- Ceithre Athbhreithniú ar Choiste um Bainistíocht Sábháilteacht.
- Measúnuithe Riosca.
- Athbhreithniú bainistíochta ar ráitis sábháilteachta na comhairle.
- Seisiún Comhairliúcháin Sábháilteachta leis an bhfoireann lena n-áirítear cúig chruinniú de Choiste na nIonadaithe Sábháilteachta.
- Oiliúint Sábháilteachta: Ionduchtú Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta, SafePass, Garchabhair, an Chéad Fhreagróir Cairdiach – Tiománaí CPC, Oiliúint Forc-ardaitheora, Oiliúint Céachta Sneachta: Rigeáil & Crochán, Dumpaire ar an Láithreán, Roithleáin Scríobacha, Suíomh na Seirbhísí Faoi Thalamh, Oiliúint an Ionadaithe ar Shábháilteacht.
- Gearrchomhráite sábháilteachta roimh obair don fhoireann.
- Measúnú ar Obair Dhearfach (Strus Gairme).
- Iniúchtaí Sábháilteachta.
- Bainistiú ar chóras iniúchta agus tuairiscithe timpistí.
- Cothaíodh an clár maidir le huath-dhífhibrileoir seachtrach (oiliúint agus iniúchadh).

COMHPHÁIRTÍOCHT SAN IONAD OIBRE

Tá Foireann Chomhpháirtíochta thiomanta agus láidir fós ann sa Chomhairle Cathrach agus reáchtáil an Coiste Stiúrtha roinnt cruinnithe sa bhliain 2011 agus tugadh nuashonruithe ag gach cruinniú maidir le staid airgeadais na Comhairle Cathrach. Tá an chomhroinnt leanúnach faisnéise idir na Ceardchumainn agus Lucht Bainistíochta ríthábhachtach don phróiseas. Ceann de na príomhratha sa bhliain 2011 ná an comhaontú ar Phrótacl i ndáil le conraitheoirí a fhostú. In ainneoin éiginnteacht ‘Partnership Nationally’ sa bhliain 2011 aontaíodh go háitiúil go bhfuil gá ann le tuilleadh faisnéise/seisiún comhairliúcháin a chur i bhfeidhm lasmuigh den fhóram IR. Leanfaidh an Coiste Stiúrtha ag bualadh le chéile ar bhonn ráithiúil sa bhliain 2012.

Lena chois sin d’eagraigh an chomhpháirtíocht seisiún faisnéise don fhoireann ar fad agus thug sí faoi roinnt tionscadal, e.g. Scrúduithe sláinte, vacsaínithe in aghaidh an fhliú, oiliúint ar dhífhibrileoir, Oiliúint don Oiliúnóir, oiliúint TF agus rochtain ar ríomhaire do fhoireann in ionaid sheachtracha.

CARTLANNA

Tá Cartlann Chathair Luimnigh freagrach as caomhnú agus bainistiú chartlanna agus thaifid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Bailíonn Cartlann na Cathrach tabhartais ábhair a bhaineann le Luimneach agus le pobal Luimnigh, amhail Bord Bardachta Aontas Luimnigh, Comhlachas Lucht Trádála Luimnigh agus Coimisinéirí Cuain Luimnigh agus glacann an Chartlann leis an gcéanna. Rinneadh mórchuid de na bailiúcháin seo a dhigitiú agus tá siad ar fáil go neamhsrionta don phobal ar an suíomh www.limerickcity.ie le haghaidh taighde.

Ciallaíonn an tionscadal digitithe go bhfuil rochtain ag taighdeoirí ar bhunfhoincís sa chartlann dhigiteach lena n-áirítear taifid shíneadh Chnocán San Labhrás agus taifid Chnocán San Oilibhéar, rudaí a cuireadh leis le déanaí.

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

C: SAINCHEISTEANNA CORPARÁIDEACHA

C.1 Cailleadh Laethanta Oibre de bharr Tinnis

A. Céatadán de laethanta oibre a cailleadh de bharr tinnis trí shaoire dheimhnithe.	5.67
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B. Céatadán de laethanta oibre a cailleadh de bharr tinnis trí shaoire neamhdheimhnithe.	0.97
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C.2 Oiliúint agus Forbairt Foirne

Caiteachas ar Oiliúint agus Forbairt mar chéatadán de na costais phárolla iomlána	5.02
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A photograph of three people sitting on the floor in front of a wall covered in vibrant, abstract paint splatters and drips. The wall is a mix of blue, red, purple, green, and white. The three people are smiling and looking at each other. The woman on the left is wearing a black tank top and a gold chain. The woman in the middle is wearing a green polo shirt. The man on the right is wearing a black vest over a white shirt and has tattoos on his arms. They are all wearing paint gloves. In the foreground, there are several paint cans and brushes. One can is labeled 'Dulux Pure Brilliant White Vinyl Matt'. Another can is labeled 'BRIDLOE Gloss'.

strengthening Limerick's cultural & civic life

Painting in lane by Bourkes Bar as part of Catherine
Street Cultural Dig, May 2011

Arts & Culture

ARTS

The following are the range of services provided by The Arts Office in 2011.

Information and Advice

Support and advice for people in the arts community and those interested in engaging with the arts, as well as inquiries for the individuals and members of the public.

Supporting and Developing the Arts

Infrastructure of the City

- Recommendations on revenue funding for established arts organisations
- Recommendations on Grants under the Arts Act
- Facilitation of development of cultural infrastructure through partnership
- Management of Limerick Artists' Studios
- Membership of the boards of management committees of a number of events, organisations and institutions.

Support for the Individual Artist

For residencies, travel bursaries and specific originated arts interventions.

Arts Programming

Annual events such as The Kate O'Brien Weekend, eva International, May Music in the Park, Cuisle Limerick City International Poetry Festival and Culture Night.

Art Form Development

- Support for festivals as part of the annual cultural calendar
- Support for organisations involved in art forms such as theatre, dance, visual art, music, literature, architecture, community arts

Art and Education

Each event organised by The Arts Office of Limerick City Council endeavours to provide an educational aspect to allow younger audiences to participate fully in the yearly programme of events. The Cuisle Young Poet of the Year Competition, organised as part of the Cuisle Poetry Festival, extends this opportunity to a national audience.



Poet Paula Meehan
Cuisle Limerick City International Poetry Festival.



Fionn Ó hArgáin and Alice Spencer from Coláiste Pobail
Osraí, Cuisle



L to R: Vivienne McKechnie, Pauline Wrixon, Mary Coll, Jo Slade, & Margaret Walsh at the launch of *The Stony Thursday* book at Cuisle.

**2011 Programme of Events supported or organised
by Limerick City Council Arts Service**

- Unfringed Festival @ Belltable
- The Kate O'Brien Weekend
- Fresh Film Festival
- In-flux Contemporary Art Exhibition
- C:Inside - artists' studios collaborations
- Catherine Street Cultural Dig
- Faber Studios Public Talks
- National Childrens Gallery Drawing Competition
- Love:Live Music – National Music Day
- May Music in the Park
- Limerick Jazz Society
- Irish Youth Choir
- Limerick Music Education Partnership
- National Campaign for the Arts
- Culture Night
- Cuisle, Limerick City International Poetry Festival

- The Stony Thursday Book
- Cultural Diversity and The Arts Information Networking Day
- Your Video Here
- Dialogue Arts + Health Regional meetings
- CoMA
- Ormston House members exhibition
- Support to artists to attend career development opportunities
- Arts Council visit to Limerick for plenary meeting
- Limerick City Music Education Partnership

**Capital Projects – funded by the Department
of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht**

- The Belltable Arts Centre
- Artists' Apartments, John's Square
- Limerick City Gallery of Art



Paper Dogs - Limerick Secondary Schools Recycling Project

LIMERICK CITY GALLERY OF ART

Equipped with its beautiful new café, Zest, along with state of the art facilities for the care and exhibition of art works, Limerick City Gallery is well placed to face the demands of an audience, increasingly knowledgeable about art and its various forms.

With its substantial galleries within the former Library of the stately Carnegie Building on Pery Square, conservation and excellent storage facilities have been added by Architects John O Reilly and Hugh Murray with their beautifully landscaped incision into the People's Park, where the activities inside can be seen from the outside through the glass windows, with its elegant grey and glass straight lines.

This substantial investment in this wonderful gallery is evidence of Limerick City Council's commitment to the provision of first class facilities for its artists and an outstanding experience of Art for the City's people. Primarily funded by Limerick City Council and the Arts Council of Ireland, LCGA is one of Ireland's key venues for Visual Art, both historic and contemporary.

Exhibitions displaying the best in regional, national and international Contemporary Art take place throughout the year, showing work in many media – Digital Media, Video, Film, Sculpture, Installation and Painting. Some exhibition are solo celebrations of work, but many are group exhibition along themed lines – all stretch the spaces and make a place you thought you knew change with every different artwork installed. Programmed up to two years in advance, Limerick City Gallery of Art has performed at the forefront of Visual Art in Ireland for many years, and its legacy in exhibiting excellent artworks is well known. In this phase of LCGA's history, it is intended that this legacy will be extended and continued.

The delightful Permanent Collection in Limerick City Gallery of Art celebrates the art collection in Limerick that has lasted over decades, with some of the work dating back into the 18th century. The love that Limerick has had for its Permanent Collection and the special place that it has in the hearts of *Luimnigh* was witnessed when the re-opening of the Gallery in January 2012 was attended by a large crowd, and when the Permanent Collection exhibition, chosen by people from Limerick, proved such a hit.

Moving from its Salon Hang in the East Gallery, the Permanent Collection will be hung in a less dense manner through the galleries, curated along clear lines and augmented with quality works that can now be cared for with the state of the art facilities.

Limerick City Gallery of Art intends to host a range of activities for all groups of people, from the very young whose exuberance is always a delight within galleries, to the more considered art enthusiast, from the regular gallery goers to those who seldom find themselves within art galleries, at home or abroad.



Culture Night at Limerick City Gallery of Art



L to R: Architects Hugh Murray & John A. O'Reilly with Woodrow Kernohan, Director of eva International at a tour of Limerick City Gallery of Art



L to R: (Back row) Marie Stakelum & Gráinne Keane
(Front row) Mike McGuire, Bernadette Doyle, Julie Dalton, Niamh Lowe, Carmen Eberhart & Damien Dullaghan

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Watch House Cross Community Library

Once again this year the library at Watch House Cross co-operated with the Northside Local Education Committee. This committee identified a need and an opportunity to develop and undertake a Literacy Initiative which encompasses the entire Northside Community.

A copy of 'The Giggler Treatment' by Roddy Doyle was distributed to all 1,500 households on the Northside of the city. Limerick City Library contributed to the purchase of these books. Over a four week period, initiatives, such as storytelling, table quizzes, art projects, family reading and drama workshops took place. Most of the activities took place in the library. The initiative involved children (toddlers to teenagers), their parents and grandparents. All pupils attending the seven primary and post-primary schools in the area were involved.

Watch House Cross Choir

Choir rehearsals resumed in September with a full programme of musical pieces. The 52 voice choir performed at City Hall for 'National Commemoration Day for the War Dead' together with the Mid-West Vocal Academy Choir in July 2011. Both choirs have been invited to Poland by the Teachers Chamber Choir, who are celebrating 25 years in existence, to sing at a concert and eucharistic celebration in July 2012. Watch House Cross Choir will also be singing for 40 minutes during the interval at the Limerick Choral Festival in March 2012.



L to R: Sinéad Hourigan, Hilary Barry & Patricia Cusack

Compassionate Communities Project

In partnership with Milford Care Centre, as part of the Compassionate Communities Project, Watch House Cross Library has developed an inhouse Bibliotherapy Section. This is a resource for people in the community to use during periods of crisis in their lives, particularly the experience of dying, death and grief. Bibliotherapy is a word that refers to the beneficial effects of reading books with a therapeutic outcome in mind, in which selected reading materials are used to assist a person working through personal problems.

The Granary Central Library

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna administered a grant scheme this year on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government. Limerick City Library received €25,295.82 for the purchase of Books for Children, DVD's, Music, Language Courses, and Adult Audio Books.

Internship

The Library six month Internship Programme was very successful. This programme involved Dell Workers who were made redundant being given the opportunity to gain experience within Limerick City Council.

A programme of IT training was drawn up and sessions took place in Watch House Cross, The Granary and Roxboro Libraries. Groups of 6-8 people attended one day a week, over a six week period, in each location and this continued throughout the six months. These courses were geared towards adults who had no previous computer skills.

Book Review Project

Following a very successful initial project with two city centre primary schools, a second Book Review Project commenced in September with four schools (St. Mary's GNS; St. Mary's BNS; St. John the Baptist; Presentation Sexton Street and St. John's GNS). The objective of the project was to encourage reading with children in addition to promoting the library service to parents, teachers and pupils. Teachers have noted a marked increase in the reading levels of their pupils. The reading ages were tested before the project began, using standardised scales, and again when the project was completed. In almost every case, the children's reading age increased.

Author Visits

The library facilitated a number of author visits to its branches during the year including: Gabriel Rosenstock, Vincent McDonnell, Róisín Meaney, Monica McInerney, Alan Quinlan, Deirdre Purcell, Michael J. Farrell and Michael Malone.

Self Service Issue System

As part of the ongoing commitment by the library service to the enhancement of services for its users, a new Self-Service Issue System was launched in the Granary Library by Mayor, Cllr. Maria Byrne. The system can be used in English, Irish, Polish and French and is already successfully in use in many public libraries throughout the country.

Schools Mobile Van Service

Over 21,176 items were issued to children through the service this year. The schools mobile visited each city school on five occasions during the school year. Children select their own books from the van at each visit, which they can read for themselves and then share in the classroom until the following visit by the mobile service. Teachers were also provided this year with the opportunity to receive a block loan of a large number of books for their classroom for the school term.

Events celebrated in the library during the year:

- Aontas Adult Learner Festival
- Library Ireland Week
- Love Live Music Day
- Integration Week
- Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival
- Culture Night
- Children's Book Festival
- Limerick Language Alive Week



Children's craft workshop at Limerick City Library, Culture Night



Cultural & Diversity in the Arts - an information and networking event for local groups, artists and arts organisations, held at Daghdha Space

Reference & Local Studies Department

Website Development

Our digitisation and website development programme dramatically increased in pace during this year. Three main resources were focussed on - the local study files, the Limerick Chronicle obituaries project and an e-books project.

The Local Study Files – there are now well over 100 files on the website. These constitute an online encyclopaedia of Limerick.

Obituaries Project – we have scanned all obituaries, death notices, reports of deaths, inquest reports, etc. which appeared on the Limerick Chronicle from 1854 to 1907 onto the website as well as a database up to 1930.

E-books – we have added a number of full scans of local history books to the website. We have also placed a number of further resources online during the year, the most notable of which is an extensive file of histories of various Limerick families.

We added another major resource to the website late in 2011 – *The Field Name Books and Ordnance Survey Letters for Limerick City and County*, over 2,000 pages of historical and geographical information about Limerick.

Lectures

Nine lectures were hosted for the History Lecture Series during the year.

Collection Development

The Reference department has an excellent book collection, particularly in the areas of Irish history and Biography. During 2011 we endeavored to acquire all new publications relevant to this area. These have all been catalogued and added to the Reference Library.

Above Right:

Kate O'Brien Weekend committee with author Colm Tobin

Right:

Launch of Kate O'Brien Weekend

Research & Queries

Assisting library users, both in-house and remote, continues to be the core service of the Reference Department. The research room (newspaper microfilm area) in particular, was extremely busy, with all four microfilm readers in use for much of the time. The acquisition this year of a microfilm reader which can print to computer file was a major development and much-appreciated by researchers. It has also had the effect of significantly reducing the amount of printing from microfilm.

Library Statistics

Library Usage	2011	2010
Issues	334,188	316,281
Registrations	13,841	13,768
Visitors	271,587	257,235
Hours of Internet Usage	35,392	33,716





Daragh, Saoirse and Odhran Exton pictured at the Limerick City Museum on Culture Night

LIMERICK MUSEUM

2011 saw a slight reduction in the number of visitors to the museum. Open Night was the busiest day of the year with 499 visitors and about 50 on a walk around the City Walls. Several new files were added to the historical resources section of the museum website, including 'Estate Maps and Rentals' which should be a major resource for the genealogist as it develops. In the course of the year we provided illustrations for six books and journals, and two historical articles were published by Museum staff.

The exhibition of prints from the Limerick City Gallery of Art was taken down in the autumn in preparation for the museum's move to new premises. For Limerick City of Sport Year the Museum put on an exhibition of sports memorabilia in the basement of the Hunt Museum.

930 items were added to the museum catalogue, including two sets of aerial photos of the city from 1986 and 1994, the Cox Collection of c 300 glass slides, numerous sports programmes and postcards and four pieces of lace.

The Irish Walled Towns Network provided funding for the conservation of the city wall on the Island Road as well as for emergency conservation work in the St John's Hospital area.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

L: LIBRARY SERVICES

L.1 Library Public Opening Hours	
A. Average number of opening hours per week for full-time libraries	41.18
B. Average number of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	9.01
C. Percentage of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	66
D. Percentage of full time libraries that have evening openings	66
E. Percentage of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	66
L.2 Library Visits	
Number of visits to full time libraries per 1,000 population	4783.23
L.3 Library Stock	
A. Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	2.05
B. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	4.41
C. Number of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	1.48
L.4 Internet Access through Libraries	
Number of Internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	623.33



Ealaíona & Cultúr

NA hEALAÍONA

Is iad seo a leanas an raon seirbhísí a sholáthraigh Oifig na nEalaíon sa bhliain 2011.

1. Faisnéis agus Comhairle

Tacaíocht agus faisnéis do dhaoine i bpobal na n-ealaíon agus dóibh súid a bhfuil suim acu i gcúrsaí ealaíon chomh maith le fíoruithe do dhaoine aonair agus do mhuintir an phobail.

2. Bonneagar Ealaíon na Cathrach a Thacú agus a Fhorbairt

- Moltaí maidir le maoiniú ioncaim d'eagraíochtaí ealaíon bunaithe
- Moltaí maidir le Deontais faoin Acht Ealaíon
- Forbairt bhonneagair chultúrtha trí chomhpháirtíocht a éascú
- Bainistiú Stiúideonna Ealaíontóirí Luimnigh
- Ballraíocht i gcoistí na mbord bainistíochta ar roinnt ócáidí, eagraíochtaí agus institiúidí.

3. Tacaíocht don Ealaíontóir Aonair

Do thithe cónaithe, sparánachtaí taistil agus idirghníomhaíochtaí ealaíonbhunaithe ar leith.

4. Cláreagrú Ealaíon

Ócáidí bliantúla amhail Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien, e v+ a, Ceol sa Pháirc um Bealtaine, Féile Idirnáisiúnta Filíochta Chuisle agus Oíche Chultúir.

5. Forbairt Foirm Ealaíne

- Tacaíocht d'fhéilte mar chuid d'fhéilire chultúrtha bhliantúil
- Tacaíocht d'eagraíochtaí páirteach i bhfoirmeacha ealaíne amhail amharclannaíocht, damhsa, na hamharcealaíona, ceol, litríocht, ailtireacht, ealaíona pobail

6. Ealaín agus Oideachas

Déantar dianiarracht le gach ócáid a eagraíonn Oifig na nEalaíon de chuid Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh gné oideachasúil a sholáthar chun deis a thabhairt do lucht féachana níos óige páirt a ghlacadh go hiomlán i gclár bliantúil na n-ócáidí. Le Comórtas Fhile Óg na Bliana

Chuisle, a eagraítear mar chuid d'Fhéile Filíochta Chuisle, leathnaítear an deis seo don phobal náisiúnta.

Clár Ócáidí 2011, arna thacú nó arna eagrú ag Seirbhís Ealaíon Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh

- Féile Unfringed @ Belltable
- Deireadh Seachtaine Kate O'Brien
- Féile Scannán Fresh
- Féile Ealaíne Comhaimseartha In-flux
- C:Inside - comhoibrithe stiúideonna ealaíontóirí
- Cultural Dig Shráid Chaitríona
- Cainteanna Poiblí Stiúideonna Faber
- Comórtas Dhánlann Náisiúnta Ealaíne Leanaí
- Love:Live Music - Lá Náisiúnta Ceoil
- Ceol sa Pháirc um Bealtaine
- Cumann Snagcheoil Luimnigh
- Cór Óige na hÉireann
- Comhpháirtíocht Oideachais Ceoil Luimnigh
- Feachtas Náisiúnta ar son na nEalaíon
- Oíche Chultúir
- Cuisle, Féile Filíochta Idirnáisiúnta Chathair Luimnigh
- The Stony Thursday Book
- Éagsúlacht Chultúir agus an Lá Lionraithe um Faisnéise Ealaíon
- D'fhíseán anseo
- Cruinnithe Dialóige Réigiúnacha Ealaíon agus Sláinte
- CoMA
- Taispeántas Bhaill Áras Ormston
- Tacú le healaíontóirí chun freastal ar dheiseanna maidir lena ngairmeacha a fhorbairt
- Cuairt na Comhairle Ealaíon ar Luimneach le haghaidh cruinníú iomlánach
- Comhpháirtíocht Oideachais Ceoil Chathair Luimnigh

Tionscadail Chaipitil - arna maoiniú ag an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta

- Ionad Ealaíon an Bhealltable
- Árasáin d'Ealaíontóirí, Cearnóg Eoin
- Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh

Opposite:

Paper Dogs - Limerick Secondary Schools Recycling Project



Derrick Towell, Raggle Taggle Consortium, Sarsfield Street, during Culture Night



Culture Night life-drawing workshop in the Bourn Vincent Gallery, UL

DÁNLANN CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Lena caifé nua álainn, Zest, chomh maith le háiseanna úrscothacha chun saothair ealaíne a chothú agus a thaispeáint, tá Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh dea-eagraithe chun dul i ngleic le héilimh ó phobal atá ag éirí níos feaí maidir le healaín agus a foirmeacha éagsúla.

Lena gailearaithe substaintiúla taobh istigh d'iar-Leabharlann Áras Carnegie maorga ar Chearnóg an Pheirigh, chuir na hAiltir John O Reilly agus Hugh Murray íaiseanna iontacha caomhantais agus stórála ann lena stuchtúr álainn deartha a théann isteach i bPáirc an Phobail, mar ar féidir na gníomhaíochtaí ar an taobh isteach a fheiceáil ón taobh amuigh trí na fuinneoga gloine, lena línte snasta liatha agus gloine.

Tá an infheistíocht shubstaintiúil seo sa dhánlann iontach seo mar fhianaise ar thiomantas Chomhairle Cathrach

Luimnigh d'áiseanna den chéad scoth a sholáthar dá healaíontóirí agus don sáreispéireas Ealaíne do mhuintir na Cathrach. Is é LCGA, arna cómhaoiniú go príomhúil ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus an Chomhairle Ealaíon, ceann de príomhionaid na hÉireann le haghaidh na nAmharcealíona stairiúla agus comhaimseartha araon.

Bíonn taispeántais ar siúl i rith na bliana a léiríonn na saothair is fearr d'Ealaín Chomhaimseartha réigiúnach, náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta, agus bíonn saothair i meáin éagsúla ar taispeáint – na Meáin Dhigiteach, Fís, Scannán, Dealbhóireacht, Suiteáil agus Péintéireacht. Is ceiliúradh de shaothar ó dhuine amháin iad roinnt de na taispeántas, ach bíonn roinnt taispeántas de ghrúpa le téama – athraítear na spásanna leis na taispeántais uile agus bíonn cuma éagsúil ar áit a raibh in aithne agat le gach obair ealaíne a shuiteáil. Le clár a eagraítear suas le dhá bhliain roimh ré, d'fheidhmigh Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh chun tosaigh i réimse na n-amharcealíona le roinnt blianta anuas, agus tá an-cháil ar a stairíocht maidir le hoibreacha ealaíne den scoth a thaispeáint. Sa chéim seo de stair LCGA, an aidhm atá ann ná an stairíocht seo a fhás agus a leanúint.

Leis an mBailiúchán Buan aoibhinn i nDánlann Chathair Luimnigh ceiliúrtar an bailiúchán ealaíne i Luimneach a mhair leis na blianta anuas, agus tá roinnt de na hoibreacha a théann ar ais go dtí an 18^ú haois. Feiceadh an ghrá a bhí ag muintir Luimnigh don Bhailiúchán Buan agus an áit speisialta atá ann dó i gcroí mhuintir *Luimnigh* nuair a fhreastail slua chomh mór sin ar athoscailt na Dánlainne, agus go raibh cáil mhór ar thaispeántas an Bhailiúcháin Bhuain, a roghnaigh muintir Luimnigh.

Ag bogadh óna Chrochadh Salóin sa Ghailearáí Thoir, beidh an Bailiúchán Buan crochta ar mhodh níos scaipthe ar fud na ngailearaithe, coimeádta de réir teoracha soiléire agus feabhsaithe le hoibreacha ardchaighdeán a mbeidh aire tugtha dóibh le háiseanna úrscothacha.

Tá sé ar intinn ag Dánlann Chathair Luimnigh raon gníomhaíochta a reáchtáil do gach aois grúpa, ó pháistí an-óg a chuireann go mór le dánlanna lena bhfuinneamh, go dtí daoine mór ealaíon, ó na daoine a thugann cuairt ar dhánlann go rialta go dtí na daoine nach mbíonn ann ach corruair, sa bhaile nó thar lear.

SEIRBHÍS LEABHARLAINNE AGUS FAISNÉISE

Leabharlann Phobail Chrois Theach na Foraíre

Arís i mbliana d'oibrigh an leabharlann ag Crois Theach na Foraíre i gcomhar leis an gCoiste Oideachais Áitiúil Thuaisceart Luimnigh. D'aithin an coiste seo riachtanas agus deis chun forbairt a dhéanamh ar agus tabhairt faoi Thionscnamh Litríochta, rud a chuimsíonn Pobal uile Thuaisceart Luimnigh.

Dáileadh cóip de leabhar Roddy Doyle 'The Giggler Treatment' ar na 1,500 teaghlach i dThuaisceart na cathrach. Chuir Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh le ceannach na leabhar sin. Thar thréimse ceithre seachtaine, cuireadh tionscnaimh ar bun amhail seanchas, tráthanna na gceist boird, tionscadail ealaíne, ceardlanna léitheoireachta agus drámaíochta don teaghlach. Bhí an chuid is mó de na gníomhaíochtaí ar siúl sa leabharlann. Bhí páistí (naíonáin go déagóirí), a dtuismitheoirí agus a seantuismitheoirí páirteach sa tionscnamh. Bhí na daltaí uile a théann chuig na seacht mbunscoil agus meánscoil sa cheantar páirteach.

Cór Phobail Chrois Theach na Foraíre

Atosaíodh cleachtaí don chóir i mí Mheán Fómhair le clár iomlán píosaí ceoil. Chan an cóir 52 ghuth ag Halla na Cathrach don 'Lá Cuimhneacháin Náisiúnta do Dhaoine a fuair bás sa Chogadh' in éineacht le Cór Acadaimh Ghutha an Mheán-Iarthair i mí Iúil 2011. Thug Cór Aireagail na Múinteoirí, atá ag ceiliúradh 25 bliain ar an bhfód, cuireadh don dá chóir chuig an bPolainn chun canadh ag ceolchoirm agus ceiliúradh na hEocairiste i mí Iúil 2012. Beidh Cór Chrois Theach na Foraíre ag canadh ar feadh 40 nóiméad i rith na hidirlinne ag Córfhéile Luimnigh i mí an Mhárta 2012.

Tionscadal an Phobail Atruaiche

I gcomhpháirtíocht le hIonad Cúraim Milford, mar chuid de Thionscadal na bPobal Atruaich, d'fhorbraigh Leabharlann Chrois Theach na Foraíre Rannóg Bibliteiripe inmheánach. Is acmhainn í seo le húsáid ag daoine sa phobal i rith tréimhse géarchéime ina saol, go háirithe daoine ag fáil báis agus brón. Is focal é bibliteiripe a dhéanann tagairt do ghnéithe tairbheacha a bhaineann le leabhair a léamh le toradh teiripeach air, trína bhaintear úsáid as téacsanna léitheoireachta áirithe chun cuidiú le duine dul i ngleic le fadhbanna pearsanta.



Unveiling of bronze bust of Frank McCourt by brothers Malachy, Alphie & Michael and Frank's widow Ellen at Leamy's School, Hartstone Street

Lárleabharlann na Gráinsí

Riar an Chomhairle Leabharlanna scéim deontas i mbliana thar ceann na Roinne Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Fuair Leabharlann Chathair Luimnigh €25,295.82 chun na nithe seo a leanas a cheannach: Leabhair do Pháistí, DVDanna, Ceol, Cúrsaí Teangacha agus Closleabhair do Dhaoine Fásta.

Intéirneacht

Bhí an-rath ar Clár Intéirneachta 6 mhí na Leabharlainne. Bhí baint ag oibrithe Dell a bhí déanta iomarcach sa chlár agus tugadh deis dóibh taithí a fháil i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.

Dearadh clár oiliúna TF agus bhí seisiúin ar siúl i Leabharlanna Chrois Theach na Foraíre, na Gráinsí agus Roxboro. Bhí grúpaí de seisear-ochtar i láthair lá sa tseachtain, thar sé seachtainí, i ngach láthar agus lean sé seo i rith na sé mhí. Díríodh na cúrsaí ar dhaoine fásta nach raibh aon scileanna ríomhaireachta acu roimhe sin.

Tionscadal maidir le Léarmheas a dhéanamh ar Leabhar

Tar éis tionscadal tosaigh an-rathúil le dhá bhunscoil i lár na cathrach, cuireadh tús leis an dara tionscadal maidir le Léarmheas a dhéanamh ar Leabhar i mí Mheán Fómhair le ceithre scoil (Scoil Mhuire GNS; Scoil Mhuire BNS; Scoil Eoin Baiste; Scoil Chríost Rí Shráid Uí Sheasnáin agus Scoil Eoin GNS). Bhí sé mar aidhm ag an tionscadal seo léitheoireacht le páistí a spreagadh chomh maith leis an tseirbhís leabharlainne a chur chun cinn i measc



Owl-themed craft workshop at Limerick City Library, Culture Night

tuismitheoirí, múinteoirí agus daltaí. Thug múinteoirí feabhsú suntasach faoi deara i leibhéil léitheoireachta a ndaltaí. Rinne tástáil ar na haoiseanna léitheoireachta sula ndearnadh an tionscadal, ag úsáid scálaí caighdeánacha, agus arís nuair a chríochnaigh an tionscadal. I mbeagnach gach cás, d'ardaigh aois léitheoireacha na bpáistí.

Cuairteanna ó Údair

D'éascaigh an leabharlann roinnt cuairteanna ó údair chuig a brainsí i rith na bliana, lena n-áirítear na húdair seo a leanas:

Gabriel Rosenstock, Vincent McDonnell, Róisín Meaney, Monica McInerney, Alan Quinlan, Deirdre Purcell, Michael J. Farrell agus Michael Malone.

Córas Eisiúna Féinseirbhíse

Mar chuid den tiomantas leanúnach ón tseirbhís leabharlainne do sheirbhísí a fhorbairt dá húsáideoirí, sheol an Méara, Clr Maria Byrne Córas Eisiúna Féinseirbhíse nua i Leabharlann na Gráinsí. Is féidir an córas a úsáid i mBéarla, i nGaeilge, i bPollainis agus i bhFraincis agus tá ag éirigh leis an gcóras i roinnt leabharlanna poiblí timpeall na tíre cheana féin.

Leabharlann Taistil na mBunscoileanna

Eisíodh breis agus 21,176 rud do pháistí tríd an tseirbhís seo i mbliana. Thug an leabharlann taistil cuairt ar gach scoil chathrach faoi chúig i rith na scoilbhliana. Roghnaíonn páistí a leabhair féin ón veain ag gach cuairt, agus is féidir leo iad a léamh iad féin agus ansin a roinnt sa seomra ranga go dtí an chéad chuairt eile ón tseirbhís taistil. Tugadh an deis do mhúinteoirí freisin i mbliana blociasacht a fháil de líon mór leabhar dá seomraí ranga do théarma na scoile.

Lena n-áirítear sna hócáidí a ceiliúradh sa leabharlann i rith na bliana bhí na hócáidí seo a leanas:

- Féile Aontas d'Fhoghlaimoirí Fásta
- Seachtain Leabharlann na hÉireann
- Lá 'Love Live Music'
- Seachtain Lanpháirtíochta
- Féile Luimnigh don Fhoghlaim ar feadh an tSaoil
- Oíche Chultúir
- Féile Leabhar na bPáistí
- Seachtain Luimnigh 'Language Alive'

An Rannóg um Staidéar Áitiúil agus Tagartha

Forbairt ar Shuíomh Gréasáin

Tháinig fás drámatúil ar ár gclár digitithe agus forbartha i mbliana. Díríodh ar thí phríomhacmhainn - na comhaid i leith staidéar áitiúil, tionscadal na scéalta báis ón Limerick Chronicle agus tionscadal ríomhleabhar.

Na Comhaid i leith Staidéar Áitiúil – tá breis agus 100 comhad ar an suíomh anois. Is ciclipéid ar líne de Luimneach iad na comhaid seo.

Tionscadal na Scéalta Báis– Rinneamar na scéalta báis, na fógraí báis, tuairiscí na mbás, tuairiscí ionchoisní, etc uile a scanadh a bhí sa Limerick Chronicle ó 1854 go 1907 agus chuireamar ar an suíomh iad chomh maith le bunachar sonraí suas go dtí 1930.

Ríomhleabhair– Chuireamar roinnt leabhar staire áitiúla scanta, ina n-iomláine, leis an suíomh. Lena chois sin, chuireamar tuilleadh acmhainní ar fáil ar líne i rith na bliana, an ceann is suntasaí ná comhad cuimsitheach de startha theaghlaigh éagsúla Luimnigh.

Chuireamar mórachmhainn eile leis an suíomh go déanach sa bhliain 2011 – *Leabhair Ainmeacha na bPáirceanna agus Litreacha Shuirbhéireacht Ordanáis le haghaidh Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh*, níos mó ná 2,000 leathanach le faisnéis stairiúil agus thíreolaíoch faoi Luimneach.

Léachtaí

Óstáladh 9 léacht don tSraith Léachtaí Staire i rith na bliana.

Forbairt ar Bhailiúchán

Tá bailiúchán leabhar den scoth ag an Rannóg Tagartha, go háirithe i réimse Stair agus Bheathaisnéis na hÉireann. I rith 2011 rinneamar iarracht na foilseacháin nua uile a bhaineann leis an réimse seo a fháil. Rinneadh iad seo go léir a chatagóiriú agus a chur leis an Leabharlann Tagartha.

Taighde agus Ceisteanna

Maidir le bheith ag cabhrú le úsáideoirí leabharlann, inmheánacha agus cianda araon, leanann sé seo mar chroisheirbhís na Rannóige Tagartha. Bhí an seomra taighde (ionad na páipéar nuachta ar mhicreascannán)

go háirithe an-ghnóthach, leis na ceithre léitheoir micreascannáin in úsáid an chuid is mó den am. Ba mhórfhorbairt é an léitheoir micreascannáin a fuarthas phriontálann go dtí comhad ríomhaire agus tá taighdeoirí an-bhuíoch as. Laghdaíonn sé freisin go suntasach an méid a phriontáiltear ó mhicreascannán.

Staitisticí Leabharlainne

Úsáid Leabharlainne	2011	2010
Eisiúintí	334,188	316,281
Clárúcháin	13,841	13,768
Cuairteoirí	271,587	257,235
Uaireanta d'Úsáid Idirlín	35,392	33,716

IARSMALANN LUIMNIGH

Bhí laghdú beagán ar líon na gcuairteoirí ar an iarsmalann sa bhliain 2011. Ba é Oíche Oscailte an lá is gnóthaí den bhliain le 499 gcuairteoir agus thart ar 50 ar siúlóid timpeall Bhalla na Cathrach. Cuireadh roinnt comhaid nua le rannóg acmhainní stairiúla shuíomh na hamharclainne, lena n-áirítear 'Mapaí Eastáit agus Cíosanna' ar chóir a bheith mar phríomhacmhainn don ghinealeolaí de réir mar a fhorbraíonn sé. I rith na bliana sholáthraíomar léaráidí le haghaidh sé leabhar agus irisleabhar, agus foilsíodh dhá alt stairiúla a scríobh foireann na hAmharclainne.

Baineadh an taispeántas priontaí ó Dhánlann Chathair Luimnigh san fhómhar chun réiteach le haghaidh athrú na hamharclainne chuig a háitreabh nua. Do Chathair Eorpach an Spóirt chuir an Iarsmalann taispeántas earraí de chuimhneacháin spóirt ar bun in íoslach Iarsmalann Hunt.

Cuireadh 930 mír le catalóg na hiarsmalainne lena n-áirítear dhá thacar de ghrianghraif den chathair tógtha ón aer ó 1986 go dtí 1994, Bailiúchán Cox de thart ar 300 sleamhnán gloine, roinnt clár spóirt agus cártaí poist agus ceithre phíosa lása.

Sholáthar Gréasán Múrbhailte na hÉireann maoiniú do chaomhnú bhalla na cathrach ar Bhóthar an Oileáin, chomh maith le hobair chaomhantais i gceantar Ospidéal Naomh Eoin.

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

L: SEIRBHÍSÍ LEABHARLAINNE

L.1 Uaireanta Oscailte na Leabharlann don Phobal	
A. Meánlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine do leabharlanna lánaimseartha	41.18
B. Meánlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte do leabharlanna páirtaimseartha (nuair is infheidhme)	9.01
C Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt i rith am lóin	66
D. Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt deireanach sa tráthnóna	66
E. Céatadán na leabharlann lánaimseartha a bhíonn ar oscailt ar an Satharn	66

L.2 Cuairteanna ar na Leabharlanna	
Líon na gcuairteanna ar leabharlanna lánaimseartha de réir gach 1,000 duine den daonra	4783.23
L.3 Stoc Leabharlainne	
A. Caiteachas bliantúil ar stoc do gach ball den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair)	2.05
B. Líon ábhar a eisíodh do gach ball den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair) maidir le leabhair	4.41
C. Líon ábhar a eisíodh do gach ball den daonra (sa chontae/sa chathair) maidir le hábhair eile	1.48
L.4 Rochtain ar an Idirlíon trí Leabharlanna	
Líon seisiúin Idirlín a cuireadh ar fáil do gach 1,000 duine den daonra	623.33

Below:

Director of Belltable, Gerry Barnes with Mike Fitzpatrick, Head of School, Limerick School of Art and Design during Cuisle

Below Right:

Newly extended Limerick City Gallery of Art, Pery Square

Opposite:

Josh and Callum Manley pictured in King John's Castle on Culture Night.





revitalising communities



investing in
housing,
investing for
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SOCIAL POLICY & HOUSING

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Capital Investment

- Continued progress achieved on capital investment such as construction, acquisition, Voluntary Housing Assistance and Energy Efficiency Programme.
- Total capital expenditure €41.9m
- 212 housing units were purchased

Home Improvement Programmes

- Expenditure of €2.04m on grant assistance for Home Adaptation Grants, Housing Adaptation Grants & Housing Aid for the Elderly.

Housing Maintenance

- Expenditure of €3m on continued maintenance of our housing Stock to achieve high quality, well maintained units.
- 3669 repair requests were received, over 97% were completed in 2011

Energy Efficiency Programme

- Programme to develop a housing stock which is energy efficient.
Total Expenditure in 2011 on this programme is €703,000

Allocations

- 229 households were accommodated by Limerick City Council in 2011

Inspections

- 295 property inspections were carried out by Limerick City Council on it's housing stock

Tenancy Enforcement Unit

- Over 97% of complaints received are resolved by this unit.

Rental Accommodation Scheme

- 151 applicants were transferred to Social and Voluntary Housing under this Scheme
- 559 inspections of properties were carried out by this unit on behalf of Limerick City Council and the Private Residential Tenancies Board.



New Limerick City Council housing scheme, Pike Avenue, Garryowen



Newly planted garden on Church Street, developed by Limerick Civic Trust in conjunction with local community

Homelessness Services

- Expenditure of €2.6m on provision of emergency accommodation, staff of the homeless person centre and long term support of housing solutions.

Traveller Accommodation

- Limerick City Council maintains seven halting sites in the city.
- Expenditure of €330,000 on continued maintenance of these sites.



At the launch of the Alzheimer National Tea-Day, Limerick Branch, Mayor Maria Byrne has a cup of tea poured for her by Jan O'Sullivan, TD, watched by local politicians, councillors and members of the Alzheimer Society



Rathbane Road/Elm Place Housing

REGENERATION PROJECT

Since its establishment in 2008 the City Council's Regeneration Project Team has spent a significant amount of time in the regeneration areas meeting with residents and community groups, and attending meetings in relation to estate management issues generally and more particularly the Regeneration Process.

During 2011 work on the construction of 33 houses/apartments commenced in Cliona Park, Moyross, for completion by the end of 2012. Construction work was also progressed on other sites in Colivet Drive (rear of the LEDP), Lord Edward Street, Wallers Well (turn key) and Vizes Court.

The council carried out retrofitting works to houses that are earmarked for retention in the Draft Implementation Plans in 2011. It also installed central heating, as an interim measure to alleviate hardship, in a number of houses that will be demolished over the lifetime of the project.

In addition to the retrofitting works, the Council also met the needs of more than 250 households during the year using all of the other options available to the project team.

A total of 242 vacant houses (some derelict and a source for anti social behaviour) were demolished during the year. This process is key in facilitating future planned development and improving the visual amenity of the areas in question.

The council see the projection of a proactive but realistic outlook in respect of the regeneration process as a key factor in re-energising local communities and ensuring the success of the programme.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

H: HOUSING

H.1 Housing Vacancies	
A. The total number of dwellings in local authority stock	3133.7
B. The total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	2865
C. The overall percentage of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	2.86
D. The percentage of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	39.27
E. The percentage of empty dwellings available for letting	60.67
H.2 Average Time Taken to Re-let Available dwellings	
The average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	9
The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	2
H3: Housing Repairs	
Number of repairs completed as a percentage of the number of valid repair requests received	85.77
H4: Traveller Accommodation	
Total number of traveller families accommodated as a percentage of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	50.00
H5: Enforcement of standards in the private rented sector	
A. Total number of registered tenancies	6048
B. Number of dwelling units inspected	460
C. Number of inspections carried out	576
D. Number of dwellings inspected as percentage of registered tenancies (i.e. B as percentage of A)	7.61
H6: Grants to adapt housing for the needs of people with a disability	
A. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	5
B. Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s), from the date of receipt, to the date of decision on the application	8
H7: Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses	
A. Total number of new local authority tenants	128
B. Percentage of new local authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	100



Mixed Housing Development at Cliona Park,
Moyross under development

Beartas Sóisialta & Tithíochta

PRÍOMH-ÉACHTAÍ

Infheistíocht Chaipitil

- Rinneadh dul chun cinn leanúnach ar infheistíocht chaipitil, macasamhail na tógála, ceannacháin, Cúnaimh Tithíochta Deonaí agus Clár um Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh. Caiteachas caipitil iomlán €41.9m. Cheannaigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 212 aonad tithíochta sa bhliain 2011

Clár um Fheabhsú Tí

- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €2.47m ar chúnamh deontais i leith Deontas um Oiriúnú Baile, Deontas um Oiriúnú Tithíochta & Cúnamh Tithíochta do Dhaoine Scothaosta.

Cothabháil Tithíochta

- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €3 milliún ar chothabháil leanúnach ár Stoic thithíochta chun aonaid ar ardchaighdeán, dea-chothaithe a bhaint amach.
- Fuarthas 3669 iarratas ar dheisiúchán, cuireadh níos mó ná 97% díobh i gcrích sa bhliain 2011

Clár um Éifeachtacht Fuinnimh

- Clár chun stoc tithíochta a fhorbairt atá tíosach ar fhuinneamh. Caiteachas Iomlán ar an gclár seo sa bhliain 2011 ná €703,000

Leithdháiltí

- Chuir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh lóistín ar fáil do 229 teaghlach sa bhliain 2011

Cigireachtaí

- Thug Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi 295 cigireacht réadmhaoine ar a stoc tithíochta

An tAonad um Fhorfheidhmiú Tionóntachta

- Réitíonn an tAonad seo níos mó ná 97% de na gearáin a fhaightear.

Scéim um Chóiríocht ar Cíos

- Aistríodh 151 iarratasóir chuig Tithíocht Shóisialta agus Dheonach faoin Scéim seo
- Thug an tAonad seo faoi 559 cigireacht réadmhaoine ar son Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus an Bhoird um Tionóntachtaí Cónaithe Príobháideacha.

Seirbhísí um Easpa Dídine

- B'ionann an caiteachas agus €2.6 milliún ar sholáthar cóiríochta éigeandála, ar fhoireann ionad na ndaoine gan dídean agus ar thacaíocht fhadtéarmach do réitigh thithíochta.

Cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil

- Déanann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh cothabháil ar sheacht láithreán stad sa chathair. B'ionann caiteachas ar chothabháil leanúnach na láithreán seo agus €330,000.



Mayoral Reception for Pride of Place participants at City Hall

TIONSCADAL ATHGHINIÚNA

Óna bunú sa bhliain 2008, tá a lán ama caite ag an bhFoireann Tionscadail Athghiniúna amuigh sna ceantair athghiniúna ag casadh le cónaitheoirí agus le grúpaí pobail chomh maith le bheith ag freastal ar chruinnithe i ndáil le ceistanna um bainistíocht eastáit go ginearálta, agus leis an bPróiseas Athghiniúna go háirithe.

I rith 2011 cuireadh tús le hobair tógála de 33 theach/ arasán i bPáirc Chlíona, Maigh Rois, atá le críochnú faoi dheireadh 2012. Rinneadh dul chun cinn ar obair tóála ar láithreáin eile i gCéide Colivet (ar chúl an LEDP), Sráid an Tiarna Éadbhard, Tobar Wallers (lándéanta) agus Cúirt Vize.

Thug an chomhairle faoi oibreacha iarfheistithe ar thithe atá comharthaithe le haghaidh coinneála sna Dréachtphleananna Forfheidhmithe sa bhliain 2011. Shuiteáil an chomhairle freisin téamh lárnach, mar bheart eatramhach chun faoiseamh a fháil ar chruatan, i roinnt tithe a bheidh le scartáil i rith ré an tionscadail seo.

Chomh maith leis na hoibreacha iarfheistithe, d'fhreastail an Chomhairle ar riachtanais de bhreis agus 250 teaghlach i rith na bliana ag baint úsáide as na roghanna uile eile a bhí ar fáil d'fhoireann an tionscadail.

Rinneadh 242 theach fholmha (roinnt a bhí in anchaoi agus úsáide le haghaidh iompraíocht fhrithshóisialta) a scartáil i rith na bliana. Tá an próiseas seo rithábachtach maidir le forbairt phleanáilte don todhchaí a éascú agus taitneamhacht amhairc na gceantar atá i gceist a fheabhsú.

Tá an chomhairle den tuairim gur phríomhthosca é chun pobail áitiúla a athfhuinnmhiú agus chun rath an chláir a airithiú meon réamhghníomhach ach réaduil a bheith ann i ndáil leis an bpróiseas athghiniúna.


TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

H: TITHÍOCHT

H.1 Folúntais Tithíochta	
A. Líon iomlán na n-áiteanna cónaithe i stoc an údaráis áitiúil	3133.7
B. Líon iomlán na n-áiteanna cónaithe, seachas na cinn faoi réir mórthionscadail athchóirithe	2865
C. Céatadán iomlán na n-áiteanna cónaithe atá folamh (seachas na cinn faoi réir mórthionscadail athchóirithe)	2.86
D. Céatadán na n-áiteanna cónaithe folmha nach bhfuil ar fáil le haghaidh ligin	39.27
E. Céatadán na n-áiteanna cónaithe folmha atá ar fáil le haghaidh ligin	60.67
H.2 Meán-am a Ghlac sé Áiteanna Cónaithe ar Fáil a Athliger	
Meán-am (seachtainí) a ghlac sé ón dáta a fágadh an áit chónaithe folamh go dtí an dáta nuair atá na deisithe uile is gá déanta ar deisithe iad a bhfuil riachtanach don athliger	9.
Meán-am (seachtainí) a ghlac sé ó chríochnú na n-oibreacha (thuas) go dáta an chéad dochair cíosa	2
H3: Deisiúchán Tithíochta	
Líon athchóirithe déanta mar chéatadán de líon na n-iarratas bailí do dheisiúchán faighte	85.77
H4: Cóiríocht don Lucht Siúil	
Líon iomlán teaghlach den lucht siúil a fuair cóiríocht mar chéatadán de na spriocanna a leagadh amach sa chlár cóiríochta áitiúla don lucht siúil	50.00

H5: Forfheidhmiú caighdeán san earnáil chíosa phríobháidigh	
A. Líon iomlán na dtionóntachtaí cláraithe	6048
B. Líon na n-aonad áiteanna cónaithe a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu	460
C. Líon na gcigireachtaí a rinneadh	576
D. Líon na n-áiteanna cónaithe a ndearnadh cigireacht orthu mar chéatadán de thionóntachtaí cláraithe (i.e. B mar chéatadán de A)	7.61
H6: Deontais chun tithíocht a oiriúnú um riachtanais daoine faoi mhíchumas	
A. Meánam tógtha (i seachtainí) chun iarratais a phróiseáil faoi Scéim Deontais na nÁiseanna Soghluaiasteachta, lena n-áirítear aon chigireacht(aí) riachtanach(a), ón dáta a fuarthas iarratas bailí go dtí an dáta a rinneadh cinneadh.	5
A. Meánam tógtha (i seachtainí) chun iarratais a phróiseáil faoin Deontas um Oiriúnú Tithíochta do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas, lena n-áirítear aon chigireacht(aí) riachtanach(a), ón dáta a fuarthas iarratas go dtí an dáta a rinneadh cinneadh.	8
H7: Cúrsaí Taithíochta Réamhthionóntachta	
A. Líon iomlán tionóntaí nua an údaráis áitiúil	128
B. Céatadán de thionóntaí nua an údaráis áitiúil ar tairgeadh cúrsaí taithíochta réamhthionóntachta dóibh	100

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ROADS

William Street, Sarsfield Street and John's Square Public Realm Enhancement Scheme

Limerick City Centre Remodelling of Streets & Public Spaces

The William Street and Sarsfield Street Public Realm Enhancement Scheme comprises the fourth stage of the Limerick City Centre Remodelling of Streets and Public Open Spaces Programme, led by Limerick City Council. This ambitious initiative aims to make the City Centre a pedestrian-friendly environment and a far more attractive place in which to shop, visit, do business and pass the time of day. The €4.5m scheme funded by the Irish Government, the European Union through the ERDF Gateways Fund and Limerick City Council, was awarded to McGinty O'Shea Ltd in June 2010 and completion is expected by May 2012.

The design for the enhancement of William Street and Sarsfield Street was prepared by Nicholas de Jong Associates (Urban Design), with White Young Green (Consulting Engineers) and Lawlor & Partners (Project Management). The works comprise the provision of a dedicated bus/cycle lane; defined bus, loading, taxi and parking bays, footpath widening and re-surfacing; remodelling of junctions and improved pedestrian crossings; a new plaza area; under-grounding and renewal of services, new street lighting, street trees and distinctive street furniture. The co-operation of the residents and business on the street was much appreciated during the construction phase.



John's Square Re-modelling

Limerick City Council was delighted to announce in August 2011 that it was approved funding for upgrade works to the public realm in John's Square.

John's Square is an important gateway to the centre of Limerick City and a public open space in front of the St. John's Cathedral providing important first impressions for both residents and visitors.

The proposed works which include extensive upgrade of the public space by the provision of high quality granite paving, new street lighting and traffic calming measures to provide a nice public space establishing an appropriate setting for the historical buildings surrounding John's Square as intended by the early designers allowing visitors to Limerick and local residents to enjoy the historic architecture in a setting that reflects their heritage value contributing to the broader city economy and sustainability.

The upgrade contract value at just under €1.2 million euro has been awarded to Wills Brothers Limited, Civil Engineering Contractors, with offices at Dooradoyle Road, Limerick and Foxford, Co. Mayo. The works commenced in September 2011 and are due for completion by June 2012. Design work and public consultation for this project was carried out by the Roads Section of Limerick City Council, Nicholas De Jong & Associates of O'Connell Street, Limerick and Lawlor & Partners of Ennis, Co. Clare.

Funded by the Irish Government, the ERDF Gateways Fund and Limerick City Council



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Smarter Travel

To support the Government's Sustainable Travel Policy, (SmarterTravel) a national competition has been established to deliver outstanding examples of sustainable travel in urban and rural areas. Limerick City Council made a submission to this competition and was awarded €9 million towards the delivery of Smarter Travel projects in Limerick and to establish Limerick as a Smarter Travel demonstration city.



What is a Smarter Travel Area?

- A geographically-based community, categorised according to population size
- With a travel plan prioritising better mobility management of the population
- Moving away from car-based transport
- Increasing modal share of walking and cycling
- Improving health, lifestyles, streetscapes and local areas
- Reducing air pollution and transport emissions

Overall Key Goals of our Smarter Travel Bid

- To increase cycling modal share by a factor of 4.7
- To decrease car mode share from 51% to 37%.
- To increase walking modal share from 31% to 35%.
- To increase public transport modal share from 9% to 12%.
- 5% of people will suppress one trip per week through e-working.
- City Centre: To make it safer for cyclists and increase cycling modal share by a factor of 5.
- To reduce the number of short distance car journeys and encourage people to walk and cycle over these distances. Car driver modal share is to be reduced from 44% to 28% in 2020.
- To dissuade people from becoming aspiring car owners and showing that smarter travel is a cheap, comfortable and healthy alternative to the car. 74% of mode share will be sustainable modes.



Bike Week Parade, O'Connell Street, Limerick

Limerick Bike Week 2011

Upwards of 1,000 cyclists, young and old, assembled outside King Johns Castle at midday on Sunday June 26th for the annual Limerick City Bicycle Parade. Although it seemed unlikely in the days leading up to the event, the sun came out to play and the people of Limerick and the surrounding towns and villages came along in their droves to make it the largest bike parade held in the city to date.

The Limerick City Bicycle Parade is an annual family-oriented event organised by Limerick City Council as part of National Bike Week. The aim is to promote cycling in the city and to encourage young and not so young to get on their bikes and to embrace cycling as a viable, healthy alternative to motorised transport.

It was a sight to behold as the thousand strong army proceeded down along Patrick Street and O'Connell Street, the main thoroughfare of the city, on their way to the Peoples Park where entertainment and a free picnic was provided.

Coonagh – Knockalisheen Distributor Road

The purpose of the proposed Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road is to provide a high quality distributor road for the transport of people and goods, in safety and comfort, in accordance with national and local objectives. The proposed development is required to overcome the inadequacies of the existing road network in facilitating travel in the northern parts of Limerick City. This development is intended to provide phase one of the northern distributor route, a link road to Moyross and upgrades to the Knockalisheen Road resulting in improved access to communities, increased potential for development and reduced congestion in the city centre.

The Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road has been identified as an essential element to the strategic transport system for the Limerick - Shannon - Ennis Region. The proposed route could potentially form phase one of the future Limerick Northern Distributor Road. This future route would run north of Limerick City from the Knockalisheen Road into Co. Clare until it reaches the R463 before travelling southeast to connect with the N7 Dublin Road at Castletroy, effectively linking the N18 to the west of Limerick City to the N7 east of

Limerick City via the north of the city. The proposed scheme will provide a link road to Moyross and upgrade to the Knockalisheen Road. The need for the scheme has been identified as an important element of the Moyross regeneration and is supported by the Limerick Northside Regeneration Agency. Following an oral hearing by Bord Pleanala a decision was made to grant the CPO order in September 2011 and to approve the EIS.

The ground investigation works contract was tendered in late 2011 and works have commenced. It is expected subject to approval that the scheme will progress through detailed design during 2012 and be ready for tender in the last quarter of 2012.

Limerick Northern Distributor Road

Clare County Council, as lead authority, in conjunction with Limerick City Council and Limerick County Council are progressing with phase two of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road. One of the key aims of the Limerick Northern Distributor Road is to promote balanced regional development in Limerick City and County and South Clare. It is proposed to provide a transport link between the eastern and western fringes of Limerick City and a link to South County Clare to facilitate economic development in this region, resulting in improved connectivity between residential areas and areas of employment and educational opportunity. Enhancement of access to the National Technological Park and University of Limerick are important considerations in this regard, as poor accessibility within this area of the north of the city has constrained inward investment thus forming a barrier to economic development to date. The Northern Distributor Road will open up Moyross, the North Campus of the University of Limerick, to the National Road network. It will also help to reduce traffic congestion on the Corbally Road/Westbury areas allowing direct access to the National Road Network and the Southern Ring Road eliminating the requirement for residents of these areas to drive through the city centre to get to destinations on other sides of the city.

Taking In Charge

Limerick City Council agreed to take the following housing estates comprising 151 houses into its charge during the year

- Meadowlands Avenue, Old Cork Road
- Meadowlands Close, Old Cork Road
- Meadowland Drive, Old Cork Road
- Butterfield Close, Old Cork Road (part of)
- Aspen Gardens, St. Patrick's Road

National Transport Authority – Jobs Initiative Project

The NTA was allocated €5 million for sustainable transport projects under the Government's Jobs Initiative in 2011. €1,590,000 was approved in funding for Limerick City Council projects as follows;

- Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade
- Condell Road Walking and Cycling Route
- Cycle Network Hazard Improvements
- O'Callaghan Strand Access Ramp
- Advance Stop lines for Cyclists
- Accident Black Spot speed reduction measures
- VMS parking Guidance and traffic Management system
- Orbital Route Signage- Phase 2
- Public Transport Way finder/signage programme

A grant was allocated by the National Transport Authority for the Bus Stop Accessibility Programme. Works were carried out at Ennis Road and Colbert Station.

As part of Smarter Travel, grant funding was approved for Shannon Banks Walking and Cycling project for the amount of €160,000. This allowed for improvement works to the existing riverside cycle way and for the provision of public lighting along the canal bank route.

All schemes were implemented by the end of 2011 reaping significant benefits to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians around the city.

Green Routes

Southern Green Route Phase 1 (Ballinacurra Road)

Limerick City Council advanced this scheme through the Part 8 process during 2011. Part 8 was approved in October, 2011. The Council will complete the detailed design and prepare tender documents for this scheme during 2012, subject to funding been made available.

Eastern Green Route Phase 2 (Childers Road Upgrade)

During 2011 The Council progressed the design and EIS for this scheme. EIS was required as there are two bus lanes being provided and the Planning and Development Regulator state that an EIS must be completed when widening an existing road to four or more lanes. The scheme will be ready to submit to An Bord Pleanala in mid 2012. The current scheme as proposed envisages the upgrade of the Childers Road from the Parkway Roundabout to the John Carew Park link road and will involve the provision of bus lanes/cycle lanes, central medium, new junctions, upgrade of existing junctions and landscaping works.

2011 Roads Programme

An extensive road resurfacing programme was completed during 2011 at the following locations;

Specific Improvement Grants:

Kileely Road
Coonagh Road
Whitethorn Drive
Mallow Street
Downey Street

Road & Footpath Repair Contract

50 sites
Permanent Patch Repairs
Footpath Repairs

Block Grant/Own Resources

North Circular Road
Woodlawn
Claughaun Fort & South Claughaun Road
Ballynanty Road
New Road
Westfields, North Circular Road
Park Gardens
Barrack Lane
Courtbrack Avenue
Ballinacurra Gardens
Union Cross
Junction Dublin Road and Park Road

The Mid-West Area Strategic Plan (MWASP)

Work commenced during 2010 on the development of a Planning Land Use and Transport Strategy for the Mid-West Region. Limerick City Council is acting as lead Authority on behalf of the other three mid-west local authorities of Clare, Limerick and North Tipperary County Councils.

The Mid-West Area Strategic Plan is designed to:

- Identify the regions strategic land-use and transport requirements for the next 30 years.
- Inform future development plans.
- Inform the upcoming National Development Plan (NDP) review and future NDP, Regional Planning Guideline (RPG) and National Spatial Strategy (NSS) reviews.
- Support the sustainability of the Limerick, Shannon, Ennis triangle and outlying conurbations.
- Aid in identifying and securing National Government funding.
- Aid in informing National, Regional and Local Government Policy

The MWASP is a strategy to facilitate a regional population of 500,000 that has been set in a 20 year timeframe. An outcome of the strategy is a requirement for a significant public transport investment of (circa €300m+ from 2012 – 2032), to achieve targets for sustainable transport mode share The Strategy also outlines the strategic requirement for a series of road projects, both National and Non-National, to help achieve better competitiveness for the region.

Events Management

Limerick City Council Traffic Management section was required to coordinate in cooperation with An Garda Siochana the traffic management and road closures for several large events during 2011 including;

- The Great Limerick Run
- St Patrick's Day Parade
- The Band Parade
- River Fest
- Rugby matches at Thomond Park
- GAA matches at The Gaelic Grounds
- Music Concerts at Thomond Park

WATER SERVICES

The Water Services Department, incorporating both water and waste water continues to manage a significant capital and revenue programme ranging from the Bunlicky Water Treatment Operation and Maintenance Contract and ongoing water conservation programme to the Operate and Maintain contract for the Clareville Water Treatment Plant. The efficient provision of water and wastewater services, while ensuring a reduction in the amount of unaccounted for water in the city, remains the priority within this department.

Clareville Water Treatment Plant

The Clareville Water Treatment Plant is now under the operations of a private contractor under a Design Build Operate type contract. The commencement date for this contract was April 2007 and this will see the operator in place until April 2027. An increase in capacity from 50MLD to 87MLD is available since April 2010. The strategic development of this water production facility will lead to a doubling of the capacity of the plant in the longer term and safeguards the provision of potable water to the City and County for that period. This increased capacity is predominantly to meet the needs of Limerick County and will be recouped accordingly. The plant has operated efficiently for the last period with a compliance rate to the EU Drinking water Standards of 100 %. The plant has consistently produced on average up to 60,000,000 litres of water daily and during the prolonged cold spell of Dec 2010 to Jan 2011 the plant catered for a high consumer demand of 83,000,000 litres per day. The plant produced a total of 19, 752, 277, 000 litres of water in 2011.



Water Services Crew
L to R: John O'Connell, John Fitzgerald, Donnacha O'Brien,
Adrian Ryan & Mark Quinlivan

Water Conservation/Water Distribution Network

Limerick City Council is committed to the implementation of its five-year Water Services Strategy as approved by the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government. The strategy provides for the strategic provision, rehabilitation and maintenance of the water production, distribution and conservation systems within the city area. A proposal for restructuring the infrastructure in public open space to facilitate the elimination of common looped lead mains is with the DEHLG. A new Dept. Circular issued in 2011 made the elimination of back yard services easier. The publication of L03/11 means that sites suitable for micro tunnelling can be provided with new water connections in association with mains rehabilitation proposals. In 2011 suitable contractors were short listed for such works and site investigation works to facilitate the preparation of contract documents. The water services section also tendered a leakage detection and repair contract within the district meter areas not effected by communal lead services, and contracts were developed to allow for a reduction of 4,600,000 litres of un- accounted for water in the network.

Limerick City Trunk Mains

The development of a new ring water main for the city to support present and future development is being advanced. New ring water mains have been laid along the course of the Southern Ring Road, the Monaleen Road and from Rosbrien to the Dock Road. The provision of a new water main from the Dock Road to Caherdavin including a river crossing was completed during the year. This involved the installation of 1,500m of 600mm ductile iron water main from the Dock Road on the southside of the river to Brookville Avenue on the north side of the river, connecting into a previously installed river crossing at each side of the river. In association with this new trunk main installation, a series of site investigation works were completed to facilitate the development of a trunk main commissioning contract with a view to putting the newly completed ring main from the reservoir to the north of the city into commission in 2012.

Over 600 metres of the existing distribution water main were replaced during 2011. Additional valving works were carried out in the city to improve the water supply system and to minimise those areas affected during periods of

works or shutdown. These new water mains were installed in William Street, Catherine Street and lanes directly off these streets.

The leakage detection programme in the city mains system continued during the past year with in excess of 1,200 leaks identified and repaired, resulting in additional savings in the supply of water. The majority of leaks identified resulted from the cold spell in the early part of the year. The City Council assisted consumers in repairing and locating leaks on the private side along with repairs completed by themselves on the public infrastructure.

Bunlicky Waste Water Treatment Facility

In this plant the city has a modern up to date fully integrated drainage system, which is providing substantial benefits in the improved quality of the water in the River Shannon and provides adequate capacity for the development of the city and its environs for the foreseeable future.

The rehabilitation of city centre sewers to obtain the maximum benefit from the installation of the Main Drainage Scheme needs to be undertaken as a Phase 2 development of the Limerick Main Drainage Project.

A proposal to appoint consultants to advance Phase 2 has now been completed and is awaiting final approval of the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government.

The long term (20years) operate and maintain contract for the treatment works was awarded to a private contractor in May 2010. This contract awarded the operation and maintenance of the Waste Water Treatment facility, the pumping stations and all the sewers DN 900mm and above.

In 2011 the plant operated extremely efficiently, with the operator making process changes to improve the efficiency of the plant and to ensure a quality discharge to meet the EPA discharge licence requirements.

Flood Alleviation

Floodgates are installed at times of high tides which correspond to forecast south westerly strong winds to prevent against possible road flooding or damage to O'Callaghan Strand and Clancy Strand.

The Water Services Department also operates a proactive gully cleaning programme whereby all the 7,600 gullies in the city were jetted and washed out. The connection pipes to the main sewer are also jetted at least once a year. Areas susceptible to high levels of leaf fall are targeted in a higher frequency. The company contracted to clean the gullies in 2011 disposed of in excess of 80 tonnes of screenings removed from the gullies.

General Operations Water and Waste Water.

Limerick City Council Water Services Department has an outdoor workforce of 15 which respond to the day to day requirements of the consumers and the general public.

In 2011 the team responded to 1720 recorded complaints. These complaints varied between blocked sewers to low water pressure. The average waiting time for a complaint to be dealt with was less than 1 day and in many cases, in times of extreme emergency, our response time was immediate. In addition these crews responded to new water main connection requests, water main breaks and new sewer connection requests.

Public Toilets

The city has two new state of the art wheelchair accessible public toilet facilities, one near the entrance to the People's Park and a second facility was installed on Lower Bedford Row, replacing the older model that had been in service for sixteen years.

A third facility was recently repositioned to Shelbourne Park at the request of the Councillors and the Environment Department. Limerick City Council provides for the cost of maintenance and upkeep of these facilities from within our own resources with a small return supplementing these resources by the user.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

R1: ROAD RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Number of kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	4
Number of kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvement grants scheme per annum	2

Iompar & Bonneagar

BÓITHRE

Scéim Feabhsúcháin an Fhearainn Phoiblí: Sráid Liam, Sráid an tSáirséalaigh and Cearnóg Eoin Clár Lár Cathrach Luimnigh um Athmhúnlú na Sráideanna & na Spásanna Poiblí

Is éard atá i Scéim Feabhsúcháin Shráid Liam agus Shráid an tSáirséalaigh ná an ceathrú céim de Chlár Lár Cathrach Luimnigh um Spásanna Oscailte Poiblí agus Athmhúnlú na Sráideanna, treoraithe ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh. Is é is aidhm don tionscnamh uailmhianach seo timpeallacht a chruthú i Lár na Cathrach atá cuidiúil do choisithe agus atá tarraingteach do dhaoine cuairt a thabhairt air chun siopadóireacht agus chun gnó a dhéanamh ann agus chun an t-am a chur isteach ann. Bronnadh an scéim €4.5m, arna maonú ag Rialtas na hÉireann, ag an Aontas Eorpach trí Chiste Tairsí ERDF agus ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, ar McGinty O'Shea Teo i mí an Mheithimh 2010 agus táthar ag súil lena chríochnú faoi Bhealtaine 2012. D'ullmhaigh Nicholas de Jong Associates (Dearadh Uirbeach), le White Young Green (Innealtóirí Comhairleacha) agus Lawlor & Partners (Bainistíocht Tionscadail) an dearadh um forbairt Shráid Liam agus Shráid an tSáirséalaigh. San áireamh sna hoibreacha tá na nithe seo a leanas: lána bus/rothaíochta tiomnaithe a sholáthar, bána bus, lódála, tacsáí agus páirceála tiomnaithe, leathnú agus athdhromchlú cosán; acomhail a athdhearadh agus trasrianta coisithe feabhsaithe; limistéar pláis nua; seirbhísí a chur faoi thalamh agus a athnuachan, soilsiú sráide nua, crainn sráide agus troscán sráide ar leith. Bhíothas an-bhuíoch as comhar chónaitheoirí agus lucht gnó na sráide i rith na tógála.



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Athmhúnlú Cearnóg Eoin

Bhí an-áthas ar Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a fhógairt i mí Lúnasa 2011 go bhfuarthas maoiniú le haghaidh oibreacha uasghrádaithe ar fhearann poiblí Cearnóg Eoin.

Is tairseach tábhachtach atá i gCearnóg Eoin chuig lár chathair Luimnigh agus spás poiblí oscailte os comhair Eaglais Naomh Eoin a thugann an chéad amharc ar an gcathair do chónaitheoirí agus cuairteoirí araon.

Na hoibreacha beartaithe ina bhfuil san áireamh iontu uasghrádú suntasach ar an spás poiblí trí phábháil eibhir ardchaighdeán, soilsiú sráide nua agus bearta moillithe tráchta nua a chur ar fáil chun spás poiblí deas a sholáthar lena mbunaítear láthair chuí do na foirgnimh stairiúla thart ar Cearnóg Eoin mar a bhí sé ar intinn ag na luathdhearthóirí ag ceadú do chuairteoirí chuig Luimneach agus do chónaitheoirí áitiúla sult a bhaint as an ailtéaracht stairiúil i láthair a léiríonn a bhfiúntas oidhreacht a chuireann le geilleagar agus inbhuanaitheacht níos leithne na cathrach.

Bronnadh an conradh uasghrádaithe ar luach beagán níos lú ná €1.2 milliún ar Wills Brothers Limited, Conraitheoirí Innealtóireacht Shibhialta, le hoifigí ar Shráid Thuar an Daill, agus i mBéal Easa, Co. Mhaigh Eo. Cuireadh tús leis na hoibreacha i mí Mheán Fómhair 2011 agus beidh siad le críochnú faoi mhí an Mheithimh 2012. Thug Rannóg Bóithre Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, Nicholas De Jong & Associates de Shráid Uí Chonaill, Luimneach agus Lawlor & Partners d'Inis, Co. an Chláir faoi obair dhearadh agus sheisiún comhairliúcháin don tionscadal seo.

Arna mhaoiniú ag Rialtas na hÉireann, Ciste Tairsí ERDF agus Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh.



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Taisteal Níos Cliste

Chun tacú le Polasaí Taistil Inbhuanaithe an Rialtais (Taisteal Níos Cliste), bunaíodh comórtas náisiúnta chun eiseamláirí iontacha de thaisteal inbhuanaithe i gceantair thuaithe agus uirbeacha a sheachadadh. D'aighnigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh aighneacht faoin gcomórtas seo agus tugadh €9 milliún don Chomhairle ar mhaithe le tionscadail Taistil Níos Cliste a sheachadadh i Luimneach agus chun Luimneach a bunú mar chathair thaispeána Taistil níos Cliste.



Cad is Limistéar Taistil Níos Cliste ann?

- Pobal atá naithe ar an tíreolaíocht, arna chur i gcatagóir de réir mhéid an daonra
- Le plan taistil a thugann ardtosaíocht do bhainistíocht soghluaisteachta níos fearr an phobail
- Bogadh ar aghaidh ó iompar cairr
- Cion cóir iompair an tsiúil agus na rothaíochta a mhéadú
- Plean leis an tsláinte, le stíleanna mhaireachtála, le sráid-dhreacha agus le ceantair áitiúla a fheabhsú
- Plean le truailliú an aeir agus le hastuithe iompair a laghdú

Eochairchuspóirí Foriomlána ár nIarrachta ar Thaisteal Níos Cliste

- Cion cóir iompair na rothaíochta a mhéadú faoi 4.7
- Cion cóir iompair an chairr a laghdú ó 51% go 37%.
- Cion cóir iompair an tsiúil a mhéadú ó 31% go 35%.
- Cion cóir iompair an iompair phoiblí a mhéadú ó 9% go 12%.
- Seachnóidh 5% de na daoine turas amháin in aghaidh na seachtaine trí ríomhoibriú.
- Lár na Cathrach: Sábháilteacht ar bhóithre do rothaithe a fheabhsú agus cion cóir iompair na rothaíochta a mhéadú faoi 5.
- Líon na dturas gearr-achair sa charr a laghdú agus daoine a spreagadh le siúl nó rothaíocht thar na hachair seo. Beidh cion cóir iompair an tiománaí cairr á laghdú ó 44% go 28% sa bhliain 2020.

- Daoine a dhíspreagadh ó bheith ina n-úinéirí cairr agus a chur in iúl gur rogha mhalairte ón gcarr é taisteal níos cliste, rogha mhalairte atá saor, compordach agus sláintiúil. Beidh 74% den chóir iompair inbhuanaithe.

Seachtain na Rothar, Luimneach 2011

Bhailigh níos mó ná 1,000 rothaí, óg agus sean, le chéile os comhair Chaisleán Luimnigh ag meán lae Dé Domhnaigh an 26 Meitheamh do Pharáid Rothar bhliantúil Chathair Luimnigh. Cé nach raibh cuma dheas ar an aimsir ar na laethanta roimh an ócáid, bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh ar an lá agus tháinig muintir Luimnigh agus muintir na mbailte máguaird amach chuig an ócáid agus ba é an pharáid rothar ba mhó a bhí ar siúl sa chathair go dtí seo.

Is ócáid bhliantúil atá dírithe ar theaglaigh é Paráid Rothar Chathair Luimnigh a eagraíonn Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh mar chuid de Sheachtain Náisiúnta na Rothar. An aidhm atá ann ná rothaíocht sa chathair a chur chun cinn agus daoine atá óg agus daoine nach bhfuil chomh óg sin a spreagadh chun rothaíochta agus an rothaíocht a ghlacadh mar rogha inmharthana, shláintiúil eile ar mhótariompair.

B'iontach an radharc é míle duine a fheiceáil sa pharáid ag dul síos Sráid Phádraig agus Sráid Uí Chonaill, príomhshráid na cathrach, ar a mbealach chuig Páirc an Phobail, mar a raibh siamsaíocht agus picnic shaor in aisce.

Bóthar Dáileacháin Chnoc an Lisín/Ó Cuanach

Sprioc an Bhóthair Dáileacháin beartaithe ó Uí Chuanach go Cnoc an Lisín ná bóthar dáileacháin ardchaighdeán d'iompar daoine agus earraí, go sábháilte agus go compordach, de réir cuspóirí náisiúnta agus áitiúla. Tá an fhorbairt bheartaithe ag teastáil chun dul i ngleic leis na heasnaimh sa ghréasán bóithre reatha chun taisteal a éascú i gceantair Luimnigh thuaidh. Beartaítear go soláthróidh an fhorbairt seo an chéad chéim den bhealach dáileacháin ó thuaidh, bóthar ceangail go Maigh Rois agus uasghráduithe ar Bhóthar Chnoc an Lisín. Mar thoradh air seo, beidh rochtain níos fearr ar phobail, acmhainneacht mhéadaithe forbartha agus brú tráchta laghdaithe i lár na cathrach.

Sainaitníodh an Bóthar Dáileacháin ó Uí Cuanach agus Cnoc an Lisín mar ghné riachtanach den chóras straitéiseach iompair do Réigiún Luimnigh - Shionainne - Inse. D'fhéadfadh an bealach beartaithe a bheith mar an gcéad chéim de Bhóthar Dáileacháin Luimnigh Thuaidh na todhchaí. Rachadh an bealach seo aneas ó Chathair Luimnigh ó Bhóthar Chnoc an Lisín go Co. an Chláir go dtí go sroicheadh sé an R463 sula rachadh sé soir ó theas chun nascadh le Bóthar N7 Bhaile Átha Cliath ag Caladh an Treoigh, ag nascadh go héifeachtúil an N18 ar iarthar Chathair Luimnigh leis an N7 ar oirthear Chathair Luimnigh trí thuaisceart na cathrach. Soláthróidh an scéim bheartaithe bóthar ceangail go Maigh Rois agus uasghrádú ar Bhóthar Chnoc an Lisín. Sainaitníodh an gá leis an scéim seo mar ghné thábhachtach d'athnuachan Mhaigh Rois agus tá Gníomhaireacht Athbheochana Thuaisceart Luimnigh ag tacú léi. Tar éis éisteacht ó bhéal leis an mBord Pleanála rinneadh cinneadh ordú CPO a dheonú i mí Mheán Fómhair 2011 agus an EIS a fheabhsú.

Cuireadh na hoibreacha iniúchta talún ar conradh ag deireadh 2011 agus cuireadh tús le hoibreacha. Táthar ag súil go rachaidh an scéim ar aghaidh, faoi réir faofa, trí dhearadh mionsonraithe le linn 2012 agus go mbeidh sé réidh le cur ar chonradh sa cheathrú deiridh de 2012.

Bóthar Dáileacháin Luimnigh Thuaidh

Tá Comhairle Contae an Chláir, mar phríomhúdarás, in éineacht le Comhairle Contae Luimnigh ag dul ar aghaidh le céim a dó de Bóthar Dáileacháin Luimnigh Thuaidh. Ceann de phríomhchuspóirí Bhóthar Dáileacháin Luimnigh Thuaidh ná forbairt réigiúnach chothrom a chur chun cinn i gCathair Luimnigh agus i gContae Luimnigh agus sa Chlár Theas. Beartaítear ceangal iompair a sholáthar idir imill oirthearacha agus iartharacha Chathair Luimnigh agus ceangal le Contae an Chláir Theas chun forbairt gheilleagrach a éascú sa réigiún seo. Mar thoradh air seo beidh ceangail fheabhsaithe idir ceantair chónaithe agus ceantair fostaíochta agus deiseanna oideachais. Is breithnithe tábhachtacha iad feabhsú ar rochtain ar an bPáirc Theicneolaíochta Náisiúnta agus ar Ollscoil Luimnigh i ndáil leis seo, mar chuir rochtain lag sa cheantar seo ó thuaidh ón gcathair srian ar infheistíocht isteach, agus cuireadh bac ar fhorbairt gheilleagrach dá bharr. Osclóidh an Bóthar Dáileacháin Thuaidh Maigh Rois, Campas Thuaidh Ollscoil Luimnigh, leis an nGreásán Bóithre Náisiúnta. Cuideoidh sé freisin brú

tráchta a laghdú i gceantair Bhóthar an Chorrghaile/Westbury agus ceadóidh sé seo rochtain dhíreach ar an nGreásán Bóithre Náisiúnta agus ar an gCuarbhóthar Theas. Ní bheidh ar cónaitheoirí na gceantar seo tiomáint tríd an gcathair chun ceann scríbe ar thaobhanna eile na cathrach a shroicheadh dá bharr.

Tógáil i gCúram

D'aontaigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh na heastáit tithíochta seo a leanas, a bhfuil 151 teach iontu, a thógáil i gcúram i rith na bliana

- Ascaill Fhearann na Cluana, Seanbhóthar Chorcaí
- Clós Fhearann na Cluana, Seanbhóthar Chorcaí
- Céide Fhearann na Cluana, Seanbhóthar Chorcaí
- Clós Ghort an Ime, Seanbhóthar Chorcaí (cuid de)
- Gairdíní an Chrainn Chreathaigh, Bóthar Naomh Pádraig

An tÚdarás Náisiúnta Iompair - Tionscadal

Tionscnamh Jabanna

Leithdháileadh €5 ar an NTA le haghaidh tionscadail iompair inbhuanaithe faoi Thionscnamh Jabanna an Rialtais sa bhliain 2011. Ceadaiódh maoiniú €1,590,000 le haghaidh tionscadail Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh mar seo a leanas;

- Uasghrádú ar Thrasrian Coisithe
- Bealach Siúil agus Rothaíochta Bhóthar Condell
- Feabhsú ar Ghuaiseacha sa Ghréasán Rothaíochta
- Rampa Rochtana Thrá Uí Cheallacháin
- Réamh-Línte Stop do Rothaithe
- Bearta maidir le Luas a Laghdú i mBaill Dhubha
- Treoir páirceála VMS agus córas Bainistíochta Tráchta
- Comharthaíocht Chuarbhealach- Céim 2
- Clár Aimsitheora Bealaigh/Comharthaíochta Iompair Phoiblí

Leithdháil an tÚdarás Iompair Náisiúnta deontas don Chlár um Rochtain ar Stad an Bhus. Tugadh faoi oibreacha ar Bhóthar na hInse agus ag Stáisiún Cholbaird. Mar chuid de Thaisteal Níos Cliste, faomhadh maoiniú deontais le haghaidh Thionscadal Siúil agus Rothaíochta Bhruacha na Sionainne, ar mhéid €160,000. Leis seo ceadaiódh oibreacha feabhsaithe ar an mbealach rothaíochta atá ar bhrú na habhann reatha agus soláthraíodh soilsiú poiblí ar bhealach bhrú na canála.



Remodelled St. John's Square

Cuireadh na scéimeanna uile i bhfeidhm faoi dheireadh 2011 agus bhain gluaisteánaithe, rothaithe agus coisithe ar fud na cathrach leas suntasach astu.

Bealaí Glasa

Bealach Glas Theas, Céim 1 (Bóthar Bhéal Átha na Cora)

D'fhorbraigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh an scéim seo trí phróiseas Chuid 8 i rith 2011. Faomhadh Cuid 8 i mí Dheireadh Fómhair, 2011. Críochnóidh an Chomhairle an dearadh mionsonraithe agus ullmhóidh sí doiciméid don scéim seo i rith 2012, faoi réir maoiniú a bheith curtha ar fáil.

Bealach Glas Thoir, Céim 2 (Uasghrádú Bhóthar Childers)

I rith 2011 rinne an Chomhairle dul chun cinn ar an dearadh agus ar an EIS don scéim seo. Bhí EIS ag teastáil ós rud é go bhfuiltear ag soláthar dhá lána bus agus de réir an Rialtóra Pleanála agus Forbartha caithfear EIS a chomhlíonadh nuair a leathnaítear bóthar reatha amach chuig ceithre lána nó níos mó. Beidh an scéim réidh le cur

faoi bhráid an Bhoird Pleanála i lár 2012. Leis an scéim reatha bheartaithe, táthar ag súil go ndéanfar uasghrádú ar Bhóthar Childers ó Thimpeallán Parkway go dtí bóthar ceangail Pháirc Sheáin Carew agus comh maith le huasghrádú ar acomhail atá ann cheana agus oibreacha tírdhreacha beidh soláthar na nithe seo a leanas i gceist: lánaí bus/rothaíochta, lármeán agus acomhail nua.

Clár Bóithre don Bhliain 2011

Cuireadh clár fairsing athdhromchlaithe bóthair i gcrích i rith 2011 ag na láithreáin seo a leanas:

Saindeontais Feabhais:

Bóthar Chill Liaile
Bóthar Uí Chuanach
Céide na Sceiche Gile
Sráid Mhala
Sráid Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh

Conradh um Dheisiú Bóthair & Cosáin

50 láithreán

Deisiú ar Gheadáin Bhuana

Deisiú ar Chosáin

Bloodheontas/Acmhainní na Comhairle

An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh

Móta

Dún Chlocháin & Bóthar Chlocháin Theas

Bóthar Bhaile Uí Neachtain

An Bóthar Nua

Na Goirt Nua Thiar, An Cuarbhóthar Thuaidh

Gairdíní na Páirce

Lána na Beairice

Ascaill na Cúirte Brice

Gairdíní Bhéal Átha na Cora

An Chrois

Acomhal Bhóthar Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Bhóthar na

Páirce

Plean Straitéiseach an Mheán-Iarthair (MWASP)

Tosaíodh obair le linn 2010 ar fhorbairt na Straitéise um Pleanáil, Úsáid Talún agus Iompar do Réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair. Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag feidhmiú mar Phríomhúdarás thar ceann Chomhairle Contae an Chláir, Chomhairle Contae Luimnigh agus Chomhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh, na trí údarás áitiúla eile sa Mheán-Iarthair.

Is é is aidhm do Phlean Straitéiseach an Mheán-Iarthair:

- Eolas a thabhairt maidir le riachtanais straitéiseacha an Réigiúin i leith úsáid talún agus iompair i gcomhair an chéad 30 bliain eile.
- Eolas ar phleananna forbartha sa todhchaí.
- Eolas i dtaobh athbhreithniú an Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta (NDP) atá le teacht agus athbhreithniú an NDP, na dTreoirínte Pleanála Réigiúnacha (RPG) agus na Straitéise Spáis Náisiúnta (NSS) sa todhchaí.

- Tacaíocht i dtaobh inbhuanaitheacht thriantán Luimnigh, Shionna, Inse agus na gcomhchathracha forimeallacha.
- Cuidiú le maoiniú ón Rialtas Náisiúnta a aimsiú agus a fháil.
- Cuidiú le Beartais Náisiúnta, Réigiúnacha agus Áitiúla a cheapadh

Is straitéis é an MWASP chun daonra réigiúnach 500,000 a éascú laistigh de chreatama 20 bliain. Tá riachtanas ar infheistíocht shuntasach in iompar poiblí (circa €300m+ ó 2012 – 2032) mar thoradh ar an straitéis seo chun spriocanna a bhaint amach i ndáil le deighilt mhódúil iompair. Tugtar léargas freisin leis an Straitéis ar an riachtanas straitéiseach le haghaidh sraith tionscadail bhóithre, Náisiúnta agus Neamhnáisiúnta araon, chun cuidiú le hiomaíochas níos fearr a bhaint amach don réigiún.

Bainistíocht Imeachtaí

Bhí ar Rannóg Bainistíochta Tráchta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh bainistíocht tráchta agus dúnadh bóthair do roinnt imeachtaí móra a chomhordú i gcomhar leis an nGarda Síochána le linn 2011, lenar áiríodh:

- Mór-Rith Luimnigh
- Mórshiúl Lá Fhéile Pádraig
- Mórshiúl an Bhanna
- River Fest
- Cluichí rugbaí i bPáirc Thuamhan
- Cluichí CLG i bPáirc na nGael
- Ceolchoirmeacha i bPáirc Thuamhan

SEIRBHÍSÍ UISCE

Leanann Rannóg na Seirbhísí Uisce, a chuimsíonn idir uisce agus fhuíolluisce, orthu i mbun bainistiú ar mhórchlár caipitil agus ioncaim, lena n-áirítear Oibriú Cóireála Uisce Bhun Leice agus Conradh Cothabhála agus clár leanúnach um chaomhnú uisce, agus an conradh Oibrithe agus Cothabhála le haghaidh fheabhsú Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville. Is é tosaíocht na rannóige seo i rith an ama seirbhísí uisce agus fuíolluisce a sholáthar go héifeachtúil agus laghdú a chur ar an méid uisce nach bhfuil cuntas air sa chathair.

Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville

Tá Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville faoi oibríochtaí conraitheora phríobháidigh faoi chonradh Tógála, Deartha agus Oibrithe. Ba é dáta tosaithe an chonartha seo ná Aibreán 2007 agus beidh an t-oibreoir i bhfeidhm aníos go mí Aibreáin 2027. Tá méadú ar an toilleadh ó 50 MLD aníos go 87 MLD ar fáil ó mhí Aibreáin 2010. Mar gheall ar fhorbairt straitéiseach na háise seo um tháirgeadh uisce, beidh a dhá oiread toillte ag an ionad san fhadtéarma agus cosnóidh sé soláthar uisce inólta chun na cathrach agus an chontae don tréimhse chéanna. Baineann an méadú ar an toilleadh leis an bhfreastal ar Chontae Luimnigh den chuid is mó, agus forchúiteofar é dá réir. D'oibrigh an t-ionad go héifeachtúil i rith na tréimhse deiridh le ráta comhlíonta 100% le Caighdeán Uisce óil AE. Tá suas le 60,000,000 lítear d'uisce táirgthe ar bhonn rialta ag an ionad go laethúil agus i rith na drochaimsire fadtréimhsí ó Nollaig 2010 go hEanáir 2011 chuaigh an t-ionad i ngleic leis an éileamh mór ó thomhaltóirí ar 83,000,000 lítear in aghaidh an lae. Rinneadh an t-ionad 19, 752, 277, 000 lítear d'uisce a tháirgeadh ar an iomlán sa bhliain 2011.

Caomhnú Uisce/Gréasán Dáilte Uisce

Tá Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh tiomanta do chur i bhfeidhm a Straitéise Seirbhísí Uisce cúig bliana, arna formheas ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Soláthróidh an straitéis seo soláthar straitéiseach, athshlánú agus cothabháil na gcóras táirgthe, dáilte agus caomhnaithe uisce laistigh de limistéar na cathrach. Tá togra maidir le hathstruchtúrú an bhonneagair i spás oscailte poiblí d'fhonn an príomhlíonra luaidhe lúbtha coitianta a dhíchur faoi bhráid an DEHL. Rinneadh Ciorclán ón Rannóg a eisíodh sa bhliain 2011 é níos éasca fáil réidh le seirbhísí an chlóis ar chúil. Ciallaíonn foilsiú L03/11 go bhféadfar ceangal uisce nua a sholáthar do láithreáin atá oiriúnach do mhicreathollánú i gcomhar le tograí maidir le athshlánú príomhlíonra. In 2011, cuireadh conraitheoirí oiriúnacha ar ghearrliosta do na hoibreacha seo agus rinneadh oibreacha iniúchta suímh chun réiteach na gcáipéisí conartha a éascú. Chuir an Rannóg Seirbhísí Uisce tairiscint isteach feisin maidir le conradh braite ligin agus deisithe ligin laistigh de limistéir mhéadair sa cheantar nach mbíonn tionchar ag seirbhísí seolán comhchoiteann orthu, agus forbraíodh conarthaí chun go bhféadfar laghdú 4,600,000 lítear d'uisce gan tásc sa líonra a dhéanamh,

Trunclíonra Chathair Luimnigh

Tá forbairt ar chuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce don chathair, le tacú le forbairt faoi láthair agus amach anseo, á cur chun cinn. Leagadh cuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce feadh chúrsa an Chuarbhóthair Theas, Bhóthar Mhóin an Lín agus idir Ros Uí Bhriain agus Bóthar an Duga. Cuireadh soláthar cuar-phríomhphíobán nua uisce idir Bóthar an Duga agus Cathair Dháibhín, lena n-áireofar trasbhealach abhann, i gcrích le linn na bliana. Mar chuid de seo bhí suiteáil 1,500m de phríomhlíonra uisce iarainn insínte 600mm ó Bhóthar an Duga ar dheisceart na habhann go hAscaill Brookville ar thuaisceart na habhann, ag ceangal le trasbhealach abhann a suilteáladh cheana ar dhá thaobh na habhann. I gcomhar le suiteáil na trunclíne nua seo, rinneadh sraith iniúchtaí ar láithreáin chun forbairt ar chonradh coimisiúnaithe trunclíne a éascú d'fhonn an príomhlíonra fáinneach a críochnaíodh le déanaí a chur i gcoimisiún ón taiscumar go dtí tuaisceart na cathrach sa bhliain 2012.

Ionadaíodh níos mó ná 600 méadar den Phríomhphíobán Uisce Dáilte atá ann faoi láthair le linn 2011. Tugadh faoi thuilleadh oibreacha comhla sa chathair leis an gcóras soláthair uisce a fheabhsú agus leis an méid ceantar a mbeidh tionchar ag na hoibreacha orthu a laghdú a mhéid agus is féidir. Suiteáladh na príomhlíonraí uisce nua seo i Sráid Liam, Sráid Chaitríona agus i lánaí go díreach amach ó na sráideanna seo.

Leanadh den chlár braite ligin i bpríomhlíonra na cathrach sa bhliain atá i ndiaidh imeacht tharainn. Braitheadh agus cóiríodh de bhreis ar 1,200 ligean agus bhí coigilteas breise sa soláthar uisce le sonrú dá thoradh. D'eascair formhór na sceití a sainaitníodh ón tréimhse fuachta ag tús na bliana. Chuidigh Comhairle na Cathrach le tomhaltóirí chun sceití a dheisiú agus a aimsiú ar an taobh príobháideach mar aon le deisiúcháin a rinne siad féin ar an mbonneagar poiblí.

Áis Chóireála Dramhuisce Bhun Leice

Sa mhonarcha seo, tá córas nua-aimseartha úrnua lán-chomhtháite draenála sa chathair anois. Tá an córas seo ag dul chun tairbhe cheana féin siocair go bhfuil caighdeán níos fearr uisce sa tSionainn agus cuireann sé ar chumas na cathrach agus an cheantair máguaird freastal ar fhorbairt go ceann i bhfad.

Ní foláir tabhairt faoi athchóiriú na séarach i lár na cathrach, d'fhonn an leas is mó agus is féidir a bhaint as an Scéim Príomhdhraenála, mar fhorbairt Chéim 2 den Tionscadal Príomhdhraenála.

Tá togra maidir le ceapadh sainchomhairleoirí chun Céim 2 a chur chun cinn curtha i gcrích agus táthar ag feitheamh ar fhormheas deiridh na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Bronnadh an conradh fadtéarmach (20 bliain) oibrithe agus cothabhála maidir leis na hoibreacha do chonraitheoir príobháideach i mí na Bealtaine 2010. Bronadh leis an gconradh seo oibriú agus cothabháil an Ionaid Cóireála Fuíolluisce, na stáisiúin chaidéalúcháin agus na séaraigh uile DN 900 agus níos airde.

Sa bhliain 2011 d'oibrigh an stáisiún go héifeachtúil, leis an oibritheoir ag déanamh athruithe ar an bpróiseas chun éifeachtúlacht an stáisiúin a fheabhsú agus chun doirteadh ardchaighdeán a áirithiú a fhreagraíonn do riachtanais cheadúnaithe doirte an EPA.

Maolú Tuile

Suiteáiltear geataí tuile nuair a bhíonn ardaoidí ann a fhreagraíonn do ghaotha tuartha láidre aniar aneas le cosc a chur ar thuile fhéideartha ar bhóithre nó dhamáiste féideartha do Thrá Uí Cheallacháin agus do Thrá Mhic Fhlanncha.

Tá clár réamhghníomhach glanta lintéar i bhfeidhm freisin ag Rannóg na Seirbhísí Uisce agus glanadh 7,600 lintéar na cathrach le scaird uisce. Glanadh na píopaí ceangail leis an bpríomhshéarach le scaird uisce freisin ar a laghad uair sa bhliain. Díreítear ar cheantar le leibhéil níos airde de thitim dhilleog níos minice. Fuair an chuideachta faoi chonradh chun na lintéir a ghlanadh sa bhliain 2011 réidh le níos mó ná 80 tona d'ábhar scagtha ó na lintéir.

Oibríochtaí Ginearálta Uisce agus Fuíolluisce

Tá fórsa saothair lasmuigh le 15 oibrí ag Rannóg na Seirbhísí Uisce Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh a fhreagraíonn do riachtanais ó lá go lá na dtomhaltóirí agus an phobail i gcoitinne.

In 2011 d'fhreagair an fhoireann 1720 gearán taifeadta. Bhí éagsúlacht ag baint leis na gearáin seo, ó shéaraigh bhlocáilte go brú uisce íseal. Ba é níos lú ná lá amháin meánama tréimhse fanachta le haghaidh déileáil le gearán agus in a lán cásanna, i gcásanna fíoréigeandála, d'fhreagraíomar láithreach. Ina theannta sin d'fhreagair na foirne seo iarratais ar cheangal leis an bpríomhlíonra uisce nua, bristeacha an phríomhlíonra uisce agus iarratais ar cheangal leis an séarach nua.

Leithris Phoiblí

Tá dhá áis leithris phoiblí nua úrscothacha atá oiriúnach do chathaoir rothaí sa chathair, ceann gar do bhealach isteach Pháirc an Phobail agus suilteáladh an dara háis ar Rae Bedford Íochtarach in ionad an tseanchinn a bhí ann ar feadh sé bliana déag.

Athshuíodh tríú háis le déanaí ag Páirc Shíol mBroin ar iarratas ó chomhairleoirí agus ón Rannóg Comhshaoil. Forálann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh do chostas chothabháil agus chaomhnú na n-áiseanna seo as ár gcuid acmhainní féin le brabús íseal a fhorlíonn an t-úsáideoir.

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

R1: AN CLÁR UM ATHCHÓIRIÚ BÓITHRE

Líon ciliméadar de bhóithre áitiúla agus réigiúnacha a feabhsaíodh agus a cothabháladh faoin gClár um Athchóiriú in aghaidh na bliana	4
Líon ciliméadar de bhóithre áitiúla agus réigiúnacha a tógadh faoi na scéimeanna deontais feabhsúcháin ar leith in aghaidh na bliana	2



View of City Hall from Clancy Strand

a greener, cleaner, healthier city

over **4745t**
of kerbside waste
collected for
recycling

Our Environment

Throughout 2011 the Environment Department continued to provide essential environmental services and worked seamlessly with local groups to improve their local communities.

- 2,385 environmental complaints processed.
- 66 groups received funding through the environmental improvement grants.
- Community Challenge competition run in conjunction with Tidy Towns competition and JP McManus Trust.
- The first Tidy Towns Seminar was hosted in City Hall resulting in 12 entries in the national Tidy Towns competition.
- Continued support for low income households through the refuse service subsidy scheme; 3,400 households supported through the waiver scheme in 2011.
- Recycling Quantities: Glass - 1050.9t, AlCans-37.71t, Plastic - 86.68t, WEEE - 275.60t, Textiles-85.9t.
- Work concluded on Baggot Estate wetland and work commenced on Baggot Estate walkway.
- Long Pavement Remediation completed and ongoing maintenance undertaken.
- King's Island Walkway Remediation completed.
- New Allotment Project in Ballynanty.
- 260 horses seized under the Control of Horses Bye Laws.
- 676 dog licences issued.



Rhys Costello & Jakus Rhyls with Cllr. Byrne & Ciara Hinksman of SEAI at Energy Workshop, St. Michael's Infants School

Environmental Awareness

- 29 of the 33 primary schools and 13 of the 14 secondary schools in the City are now registered for the An Taisce Green Schools programme. 27 primary schools and 6 secondary schools have Green Flags.
- A successful Green Schools seminar was hosted in City Hall.
- 5 schools (junior cycle) participated in the SEAI Guzzler workshops. 'Recycling the Magical Way' was facilitated in 5 Primary Schools (viewed by approx 500 students. Four waste to art workshops were facilitated for Secondary Schools.
- A successful community gardening workshop was hosted in City Hall and additional workshops were held on composting and waste prevention.
- A successful Master Composter was introduced. 12 master composter volunteers supported compost initiatives in the city.
- A composting demonstration site was installed in O'Brien Park.
- The city celebrated fair trade fortnight and its 6th birthday as a FT City.
- Sponsors of the 'Most Environmentally Friendly Entry' in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- The first Easter Eggstravaganza was held in the People's Park supported by the European Recycling Platform. Promotion on dog litter with Scoop the Dog Mascot on popular walking routes.
- Christmas Tree recycling was offered to householders in conjunction with the Parks Department.



Keith Meade, Nora Doyle & Mayor Byrne, St. Nessen's 'Message in a Bottle' environmental project

Environmental Enforcement

- 1152 on-the-spot litter fines issued.
- 102 Section 55 Notices issued on holding of waste.
- 193 fines issued under the presentation of waste bye-laws.
- 39 Section 18 Notices issued on disposal of waste.
- 15 waste collection permit audits carried out.
- 9 waste facility permit audits carried out.
- 7 inspections carried out under Deco Paint Regulations.
- 1 new waste facility permit issued.
- 5 inspections carried out under Solvents Regulations.
- 2 waste facility permits reviewed.
- Continued inspections under ban on bituminous coal.
- On going implementation of Water Pollution licensing system.
- Multi-Agency operation to shut illegal ELV site at Ballysimon successfully completed.
- Tier 3 Risk Assessment analysis carried out on Island Field.
- 2 fines issued by the Gardaí under the new Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws.
- Increased use of cctv surveillance
- Extensive work undertaken with service providers and city centre businesses to pilot Presentation of Waste Early Morning Collection Initiative.

Street Cleaning

- The street cleaning team continued to provide a 365 days of the year service including cleaning 420km of footpath and emptying 205 street litter bins.
- Introduction of standard scheduling regime for street cleaning of approach and orbital routes.
- Two new scarab-Mechanical Sweepers in service.
- Commenced use of biodiesel in selected vehicles.
- Implementation of graffiti and weed control programme.
- CCTV 'Intoxicating Liquor Byelaws' and litter signage erected at a number of prominent locations in the city.
- PTUs (Pay To Use) included in Regional Waste Management Policy and two are in use in the City

Removal

- Commencement of removal of derelict phone booths.
- 2 high profile deep clean events took place in the city centre in conjunction with volunteers and local businesses.

OVERVIEW OF ENERGY USAGE IN 2011

In 2011, Limerick City Council consumed 36,202 MWh of energy, consisting of 20,824 MWh of electricity; 15,377 MWh of fossil fuels comprising of 13,573 MWh of natural gas and 1,804 MWh of transport fuels. The consumption of energy by Limerick City Council in 2011 is estimated to have had an associated greenhouse gas emission of 14,088 tonnes of CO_{2EQ}.

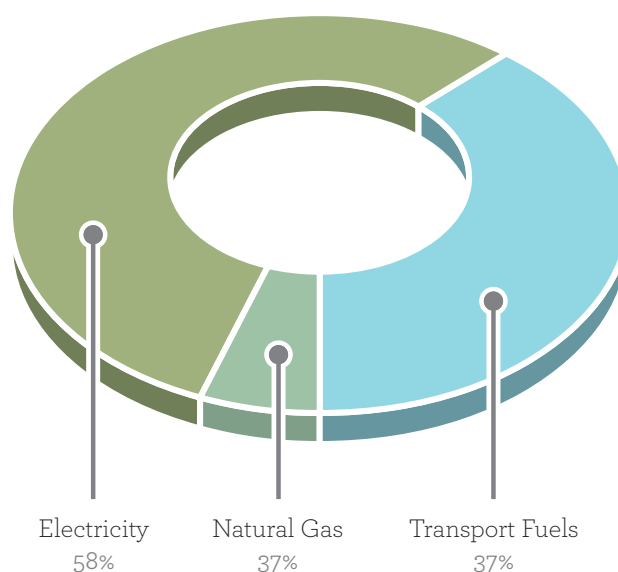


Figure 1 Energy Usage by Fuel Use

The largest share of the total energy consumed in 2011 by Limerick City Council at 73% was for the production and supply of drinking water and the collection and treatment of wastewater. The second largest share of energy use at 13% was for public lighting and traffic signalling. 9% of Limerick City Council's total energy use was consumed in heating, cooling and equipment use at buildings including City Hall, Grove Island leisure centre, fire station, depots, museum and library. The remaining 5% of the energy consumed during 2011 was in the form of transport fuel consumed by fleet vehicles involved in transport, road sweeping, upkeep of parks and winter gritting of roads. From 2010 to 2011 there has been a 3% decrease in DERV usage and a 14.4% decrease in Gas Oil Usage.



'Spring Clean' launch by Mayor Maria Byrne

Actions Undertaken in 2011

During the year the council undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including;

- Energy Audits for the Clareville Water Treatment Plant, Bunlicky Waste Water Treatment Sludge Drying Plant, Newcastle Reservoir Water Tower, Park Road Depot and Parnell St Depot. These energy audits describe how and what energy uses exist at each location and include proposals for energy saving measures and renewable energy solutions. A number of energy saving measures have been implemented as a result of the energy audits, including smarter controls with water use, heating and lighting.
- The Traffic Department have implemented a programme of upgrading traffic lights to use Extra Low Voltage (ELV) signals. To date approximately a quarter of the traffic light junctions in Limerick City are now powered by ELV Traffic Systems.

- The IT Department has continued to roll out its virtualisation infrastructure programme in order to reduce power and cooling requirements at City Hall.
- The introduction of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) technology at City Hall, Park Rd Depot, City Library and Mulgrave St. Fire Station has allowed the removal of older communication equipment with more energy efficient equipment.
- The number of printers used by the council has been reduced by 40% and power consumption is now a key awarding criteria for all new equipment.

In addition to the initiatives above, contractors operating water services facilities and leisure facilities on behalf of Limerick City Council also undertook initiatives to improve energy performance.

€50k Community Challenge

JP McManus-backed community initiative

12 communities working to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods:

Castletroy View	Spring Grove
Caherdavin	Woodlawn
Westfields	Moyross
College Gate	Ballygrennan
Distillery View	Watergate
Janesboro	Kings Island

"The competition element of the Community Challenge was healthy, it was about everyone getting involved, it was about communities helping one another, neighbours helping neighbours, children helping their parents. It was also about making people aware of how beautiful Limerick is."
Anna Hickey, Westfield Park Group



Community Challenge promoters (L to R) Fergal Deegan, Live 95FM, JP McManus, Mayor Jim Long and Alan English, Editor Limerick Leader.



SERVICE INDICATORS: E: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

WATER	
E.1 Unaccounted For Water	
Unaccounted for water (UFW) as a percentage of total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the local authority is responsible for.	57.23
E.2 Drinking Water Analysis	
A. Percentage of drinking water analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to public schemes.	99.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	
E.3 Waste Segregation	
A. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables.	99.57
B. Percentage of households who receive a waste collection service and are provided with segregated waste collection for organics.	48.49
E4: Housing Waste Sent for Recycling	
A. Percentage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling.	29.50
B. Tonnage of household waste collected from kerbside, which is sent for recycling.	4735.84
C. Tonnage of household waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity centres, transfer stations and other recycling facilities).	1652.05

E5: Household Waste Sent for Landfill	
A. The percentage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill.	70.50
B. The tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to landfill.	11320.3
E6: Recycling facilities	
The total number of Bring Sites in the local authority area.	21
The total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the local authority area.	1
GLASS	
A. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	19
B. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
C. The total number of facilities for recycling	20
D. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	1.76
CANS	
E. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	21
F. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
G. The total number of facilities for recycling	22
H. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population.	1.94
TEXTILES	
I. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	5
J. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
K. The total number of facilities for recycling	6
L. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.53

Opposite page: Community Challenge Groups

Clockwise from top left:

- Happy residents from Spring Grove who came 2nd
- Residents from Caherdavin celebrate 3rd place
- 6th place winners, Moyross
- Residents of Westfields who finished in 5th place

BATTERIES	
M. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
N. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
O. The total number of facilities for recycling	1
P. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.09
OILS	
Q. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
R. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
S. The total number of facilities for recycling	1
T. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population.	0.09
OTHER MATERIALS	
U. The number of Bring Sites for recycling	0
V. The number of Civic Amenity Centres for recycling	1
W. The total number of facilities for recycling	1
X. The number of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.09
LITTER	
E7: Litter Prevention and Enforcement	
A. Number of full-time litter wardens	3
B. Number of part-time litter wardens	1
C. Number of litter wardens (both full- and part-time) per 5,000 population.	0.35
D. Number of on-the spot fines issued	1152
E. Number of on-the spot fines paid	637
F. Number of prosecution cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	107
G. Number of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on-the-spot fines	39

H. Number of notices issued (under sections 9, 15, 16, 17 and 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997)	42
I. Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	107
J. Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	39
K. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are unpolluted (i.e. litter-free)	0
L. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are slightly polluted with litter	0
M. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are moderately polluted with litter	0
N. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are significantly polluted with litter	0
O. Percentage of areas in the local authority that are grossly polluted with litter	0
E.8 Environmental Complaints and Enforcement	
A. Total number of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1942
B. Number of complaints investigated	1942
C. Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	1686
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken	256
E9: Percentage of Schools participating in environmental campaigns	
A. Percentage of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	93.94
B. Percentage of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	92.86

Ár dTimpeallacht



Mayor Jim Long & Limerick Chamber of Commerce President, Kieran MacSweeney during a big cleanup of the city centre

Le linn 2011 lean an Rannóg Comhshaoil ar aghaidh ag soláthar seirbhísí rithábhachtacha comhshaoil agus d'oibrigh an rannóg gan uaim le grúpaí áitiúla chun feabhas a chur ar a bpobail áitiúla.

- Próiseáladh 2,385 gearán comhshaoil.
- Fuair 66 ghrúpa maoiniú faoi na scéimeanna deontais um fheabhsú.
- Reáchtáladh an comórtas 'Community Challenge' in éineacht le comórtas na mBailte Slachtmhara agus Iontaobhas JP McManus.
- Óstáladh céad Seimineár na mBailte Slachtmhara i Halla na Cathrach agus bhí 12 iontráil ar chomórtas náisiúnta na mBailte Slachtmhara dá bharr.
- Tacaíocht leanúnach do theaghlaigh ar ioncain ísle leis an scéim fóirdheontais um seirbhís dramhaíola tí; thug 3,400 teaghlach tacaíocht di tríd an scéim tarscaoilte in 2011.
- Méideanna Athchúrsála: Goine - 1050.9t, Canaí Alúmanaim-37.71t, Plaistech - 86.68t, DTTL - 275.60t, Teicstílí-85.9t.
- Críochnaíodh obair ar Bhogach Eastát an Bhagóidigh agus cuireadh tús le hobair ar bhealach siúil Eastát an Bhagóidigh.
- Feabhsúchán ar an gCosán Fada críochnaithe agus cothabháil leanúnach tugtha fúithi.
- Feabhsúchán ar Bhealach Siúil Oileán an Rí Walkway críochnaithe.
- Tionscadal Nua Garraí Scóir i mBaile Uí Neachtain.
- Urghabhadh 260 capall faoi na Fodhlíthe um Chapail.
- Eisíodh 676 ceadúnas madraí.



Visit to new Baggot Estate wetland project by Lady of Lourdes NS pupils Yasmin Griffin & Callum Clancy

Feasacht faoin gComhshaoil

- Tá 29 as an 33 bunscoil agus 13 as na 14 mheánscoil i gCathair Luimnigh cláraithe do Chlár na Scoileanna Glasa leis an Taisce. Tá Bratacha Glasa ag 27 bunscoil agus ag 6 mheánscoil.
- Reáchtáladh seimineár um Scoileanna Glasa rathúil i Halla na Cathrach.
- Ghlac 5 scoil (sraith shóisearach) páirt i gceardlanna SEAI Guzzler. Éascaíodh 'Athchúrsáil ar Mhodh Draíochta' (Recycling the Magical Way) i 5 bhunscoil (feicthe ag thart ar 500 dalta). Éascaíodh ceithre cheardlann 'dramhaíl go healaín' do Mheánscoileanna.
- Óstáladh ceardlann garraíodóireachta pobail rathúil i Halla na Cathrach agus reáchtáladh ceardlanna breise ar chosc dramhaíola agus ar mhúiríní.
- Tugadh isteach 'Máistirmhúiríneoir' rathúil. Thug 12 máistirmhúiríneoirí ar oibrithe deonacha iad tacaíocht do thionscnaimh múirín sa chathair.
- Cuireadh láithreán taispeána múirín i bPáirc Uí Bhriain.
- Cheiliúir an chathair an Choicís Chóirthrádála agus a séú breithlá mar Chathair Chóirthrádála.
- Urraitheoirí 'An Iontráil is Cáirdiúla don Chomhshaoil' i Mórshuíl Lá Fhéile Pádraig.
- Reáchtáladh an chéad 'Eggstravaganza na Cásca' i bPáirc an Phobail arna thacú ag an gClár Oibre Eorpach um Athchúrsáil. Feachtas ar bhruscar madraí le Scoop-Sonóg na Madraí ar bhealaí siúil a úsáidtear go minic.
- Tairgeadh athchúrsáil ar chrainn Nollag do shealbhóirí tí i gcomhar le Rannóg na bPáirceanna.

Forfheidhmiú Comhshaoil

- Eisíodh 1152 fhíneáil bhruscair ar-an-láthair.
- Eisíodh 102 fhógra faoi Alt 55 ar shealúchas dramhaíola.
- Eisíodh 193 fhíneáil faoin tíolacadh fodhlíthe bruscair.
- Eisíodh 39 bhfógra faoi Alt 18 ar Dhiúscairt dramhaíola.
- Rinneadh 15 iniúchadh ar chead bailithe dramhaíola.
- Rinneadh 9 n-iniúchadh ar chead ionad dramhaíola.
- Rinneadh 7 n-iniúchadh faoi na Rialacháin um Phéinteanna Maisiúla.
- Eisíodh 1 chead ionad dramhaíola nua.
- Rinneadh 5 iniúchadh faoi Rialacháin um Thuaslagóirí.
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chead ionad dramhaíola amháin.
- Iniúchtaí leanúnacha faoi na Rialacháin um Thoirmeasc ar ghual biotúmanach.
- Cur i bhfeidhm leanúnach ar chóras ceadúcháin um Thruailliú Uisce.
- Oibríocht Ilghníomhaireachta chun láithreán mídhléathach ELV ag Béal Átha Síomoin críochnaithe go rathúil.
- Rinneadh anailís Measúnaithe Riosca Leibhéal 3 ar Ghort an Oileáin.
- D'eisigh na Gardaí 2 fhíneáil faoi na Fodhlíthe um Dheochanna Meisciúla nua.
- Níos mó úsáide á baint as faireachas cctv
- Tugadh faoi obair fhairsing le soláthraithe seribhísí agus gnólachtaí lár na cathrach chun Cur i láthair ar Thionscnamh Bailithe Dramhaíola go Luath ar Maidin a threoir.

Glanadh Sráideanna

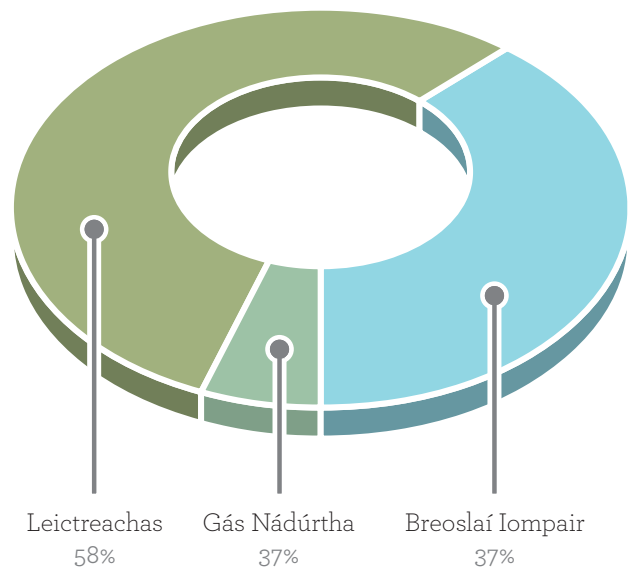
- Lean an fhoireann glantacháin sráide de sheirbhís 365 lá den bhliain a sholáthar, lena n-áirítear glanadh 420 km de chosáin agus folmhú 205 bhosca bruscair sráide.
- Tabhairt isteach an chórais sceidealaithe chaighdeánaigh le haghaidh ghlantachán sráide na gcuarbhealach agus na mbealaí isteach.
- Dhá inneall glanta mheicniúla 'scarab' in úsáid.
- Tús curtha le bithdhíosal a úsáid i bhfeithiclí áirithe.
- Cur i bhfeidhm an chlár srianta fiailí agus graifítí.
- Crochadh comharthaí maidir le CCTV 'Fodhlíthe um Dheochanna Meisciúla' agus maidir le bruscar madraí ag láithreáin fheiceálacha sa chathair.
- Cuireadh PTUanna (Íoc le haghaidh Úsáide) san áireamh sa Bheartas Réigiúnach Bainistíochta Dramhaíola agus úsáidtear dhá cheann sa chathair

Baint

- Cuireadh tús le bothanna teileafóin tréigthe a bhaint ón áit ina bhfuil siad.
- Cuireadh zimeacht ardiomrá feasachta domhainghlanta ar bun i lár na cathrach i gcomhar le hoibrithe deonacha agus lucht gnó áitiúil.

FORBHREATHNÚ AR ÚSÁID FUINNIMH SA BHLIAIN 2011

D'ídigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 36,202 MWh d'fhuinneamh sa bhliain 2011. Ba éard a bhí san fhigiúr seo ná 20,824 MWh de leictreachas agus 15,377 MWh de bhreoslaí iontaise a d'fholaigh 13,573 MWh de ghás nádúrtha agus 1,804 MWh de bhreoslaí iompair. Meastar go mbaineann astaíochtaí gáis cheaptha teasa 14,088 tona CO_{2EQ} le hídíú fuinnimh i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh sa bhliain 2011.



Figiúr 1 Úsáid Fuinnimh de réir Úsáid Breosla

Bhain an sciar ba mhó, 73%, den fhuinneamh a d'ídigh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh sa bhliain 2011 le huisce óil a tháirgeadh agus a sholáthar agus fuíolluisce a bhailiú agus cóireáil a dhéanamh air. Bhain an dara sciar ba mhó, 13%, le soilsiú poiblí agus comharthaíocht tráchta. Ídíodh 9% d'úsáid fuinnimh Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i dtéamh, i bhfuarú agus in úsáid trealamh i bhfoirgnimh, lena n-áirítear Halla na Cathrach, ionad fóillíochta Oileán an Gharráin, stáisiúin dóiteáin, iostaí, iarsmalanna agus leabharlann. Bhí an 5% eile den fhuinneamh a ídíodh le linn 2010 i riocht breosla iompair ídithe ag feithiclí

cabhlaigh a bhí bainteach le hiompar, le scuabadh bóithre, le cothabháil páirceanna agus le leathadh grin ar bhóithre sa gheimhreadh. Ó 2010 go 2011 tháinig laghdú 3% ar úsáid DERV agus 14.4% ar Úsáid Ola Gáis.

Gníomhartha ar Tugadh Fúthu sa bhliain 2011

Thug Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi raon tionscnamh i rith na bliana chun ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú, lena áiríodh:

- Iniúchtaí Fuinnimh ar na hionaid seo a leanas: Ionad Cóireála Uisce Clareville, Ionad Cóireála Dramhuisce agus Triomaithe Sloda Bhun Leice, Túr Uisce Thaiscumar an Chaisleáin Nua, Iosta Bhóthar na Páirce agus Iosta Shráid Parnell. Déantar cur síos leis na hiniúchtaí seo ar na húsáidí fuinnimh atá i ngach láithreán agus conas a úsáidtear iad agus cuirtear moltaí san áireamh maidir le bearta um fuineamh a choigilt agus réitigh fhuinnimh in-athnuaite. Cuireadh roinnt beart um fuinneamh a choigilt i bhfeidhm mar thoradh ar na hiniúchtaí fuinnimh, lena n-áirítear rialtáin níos cliste le húsáid uisce, teasa agus soilsiú.
- Chuir an Rannóg Tráchtála clár nua i bhfeidhm chun soilse tráchtála a uasghrádú ionas go mbainfear úsáid as comharthaí le Voltas an-Íseal (ELV). Go dtí seo tá beagnach ceathrú d'acomhal soilse tráchtála i gCathair Luimnigh faoi chumhacht Córais Tráchtála ELV.

- Lean an Rannóg TF le cur i bhfeidhm a chlár bonneagair fíorúlaithe d'fhonn riachtanais chumachta agus fuaraithe a laghdú i Halla na Cathrach.
- Le tabhairt isteach teicneolaíocht um Prótacal Idirlín don Ghuthú (VoIP) ag Halla na Cathrach, Iosta Bhóthar na Páirce, Leabharlann na Cathrach agus Stáisiún Dóiteáin Shráid Mulgrave, bhí deis ann an seantrealamh cumarsáide a bhaint le trealamh níos tíosaí ar fhuinneamh.
- Laghdaíodh líon na bprintéirí a úsáideann an chomhairle faoi 40% agus breathnaítear go mion ar ídiú cumhachta agus trealamh nua á fháil.

Chomh maith leis na tionscnaimh thuas, thug conraitheoirí ag oibriú áiseanna seirbhísí uisce agus áiseanna fóillíochta thar ceann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh faoi thionscnaimh le feidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú.



Green Flag Awards

Top: St. Mary's Girls School

Right: Presentation Secondary School

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:
E: SEIRBHÍSÍ COMHSHAOIL

UISCE	
E.1 Uisce nach bhfuil Cuntas Air	
Uisce nach bhfuil cuntas air (UFW) mar chéatadán den toirt iomlán uisce a sholáthraítear faoi na scéimeanna um sholáthar uisce a bhfuil an t-údarás áitiúil freagrach astu.	57.23
E.2 Anailís ar Uisce Óil	
A. Céatadán de thorthaí anailíse uisce óil a chomhlíonann le ceanglais reachtúla maidir le Scéimeanna Poiblí Bainistíochta Dramhaíola.	99.00
BAINISTÍOCHT DRAMHAÍOLA	
E.3 Leithscaradh Dramhaíola	
A. Céatadán na dteaghlach a fhaigheann seirbhís bailithe dramhaíola agus bailiú dramhaíola leithscartha le haghaidh ábhair thirime in-athchúrsáilte.	99.57
A. Céatadán na dteaghlach a fhaigheann seirbhís bailithe dramhaíola agus bailiú dramhaíola leithscartha le haghaidh ábhar orgánaice.	48.49
E4: Dramhaíl Tí a Chuirtear ar Aghaidh le haghaidh Athchúrsála	
A. Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear ar thaobh an chosáin a chuirtear ar aghaidh le haghaidh athchúrsála.	29.50
B. Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear ar thaobh an chosáin a chuirtear ar aghaidh le haghaidh athchúrsála.	4735.84
C. Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a athchúrsáiltear, a eascraíonn as dramhaíl a bhailítear ó áiseanna athchúrsála (i.e. ionaid ‘fág anseo’, ionaid chonláiste chathartha, stáisiúin aistrithe agus ionaid athchúrsála eile).	1652.05

E5: Dramhaíl Tí a Chuirtear ar Aghaidh go Líonadh Talún	
A. Céatadán na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear agus a chuirtear ar aghaidh go líonadh talún.	70.50
B. Tonnáiste na dramhaíola tí a bhailítear agus a chuirtear ar aghaidh go líonadh talún.	11320.3
E6: Áiseanna athchúrsála	
Líon iomlán na nIonad Beir Leat i gceantar an údaráis áitiúil.	21
Líon iomlán na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha i gceantar an údaráis áitiúil.	1
GLOINE	
A. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	19
B. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
C. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	20
D. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra.	1.76
CANNAÍ	
E. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	21
F. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
G. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	22
H. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra.	1.94
TEICSTÍLÍ	
I. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	5
J. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
K. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	6
L. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra	0.53

CADHNRAÍ	
M. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	0
N. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
O. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	1
P. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra	0.09
OLAÍ	
Q. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	0
R. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
S. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	1
T. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra.	0.09
ÁBHAR EILE	
U. Líon na nIonad Beir Leat le haghaidh athchúrsála	0
V. Líon na nIonad Conláiste Chathartha le haghaidh athchúrsála	1
W. Líon iomlán na n-áiseanna athchúrsála	1
X. Líon na láithreacha athchúrsála de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra	0.09
BRUSCAR	
E7: Cosc agus Forfheidhmiú Bruscair	
A. Líon na maor bruscair lánaimseartha	3
B. Líon na maor bruscair páirtaimseartha	1
C. Líon na maor bruscair (idir lánaimseartha agus pháirtaimseartha) de réir gach 5,000 duine den daonra.	0.35
D. Líon na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt a eisíodh	1152
E. Líon na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt a íocadh	637
F. Líon na gcásanna ionchúisimh a tugadh de bharr neamhíoc na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	107

G. Líon na gcásanna ionchúisimh dhaingnithe a tugadh de bharr neamhíocadh na bhfíneálacha ar an toirt	39
H. Líon na bhfógraí a eisíodh (faoi ailt 9, 15, 16, 17 agus 20 den Acht um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997)	42
I. Líon iomlán na n-ionchúiseamh a tugadh (gach ionchúiseamh faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997 go 2003)2003	107
J. Líon iomlán na n-ionchúiseamh a slánaíodh (gach ionchúiseamh faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar, 1997 go 2003)	39
K. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil nach bhfuil truaillithe (i.e. saor ó bhruscar)	0
L. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá beagáinín truaillithe ag bruscar	0
M. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go measartha ag bruscar	0
N. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go hollc ag bruscar	0
O. Céatadán na gceantar san údarás áitiúil atá truaillithe go fíor-ollc ag bruscar	0
E.8 Gearáin agus Forfheidhmiú Comhshaoil	
A. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearáin maidir le truailliú comhshaoil (a bhaineann le dramhaíl, bruscar, truailliú uisce, truailliú torainn, truailliú aeir)	1942
B. Líon na ngearán a fiosaíodh	1942
C. Líon na gcásanna a réitíodh nach raibh gá le gníomh breise	1686
D. Líon na nósanna imeachta forfheidhmithe ar tugadh fúthu	256
E9: Céatadán Scoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil	
A. Céatadán na mbunscoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil	93.94
B. Céatadán na meánscoileanna atá páirteach i bhfeachtais chomhshaoil	92.86



maintaining
and enhancing
parks and
open spaces
in the city



Curragour Park, Clancy Stand

Parks, Sports & Recreation

PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Council's parks team continued to maintain and enhance 380 acres of greens in parks and open spaces in the city, including grasscutting, verge cutting, weed control and litter picking. The team also provided advice and support to local groups in planting and maintaining their local areas.

Flowers

- Maintained spring and summer flower beds, daffodil displays, rose beds and shrubberies throughout the city.
- Hanging baskets were displayed on eight Bridges in Bloom from May to September. Flowering baskets were displayed in Cruises Street, Roches Street and the Market Quarter and flower tiers were placed in O'Connell St, Bedford Row and Thomas St.
- New Planters were purchased under the Civic Pride Grant Scheme.

Trees

- Tree planting took place in the Peoples Park, Shelbourne Park and the Canal Bank.
- The tree pruning programme continued in Woodview, Corbally, Merval Drive, Janesboro, De Valera Park and Caherdavin Lawn.

Biodiversity

- A display vegetable allotment was planted in O'Brien Park and involved local school children in sowing and harvesting vegetables and complemented the composting project.
- Limerick Biodiversity Network volunteers were provided with wildflower seeds and native plants to develop a pilot native biodiversity flower bed at Clancy Strand.

Parks Activities Programme

- The successful Parks Activities Programmes continued and the May Music in the Park brought a variety of music and Bands to the Peoples Park over four consecutive Saturdays.
- Five successful family days were held including ‘Haunting in the Park’ Halloween event in conjunction with Gothika Collaborative and National Play Strategy, Easter Eggstravaganza and the Christmas in the City Events - the Christmas Treasure Hunt, Christmas Puppet show and popular Christmas present making day.
- The Skatepark continued to be a popular venue for skating activities including the regional Munster skate competition
- Works were carried out on the playground in the People’s Park. The Parks Department supported the refurbishment of the Moyross Playground and provided a new piece of play equipment.
- Public toilet (APC) was installed in Shelbourne Park.
- Sculpture in Custom House Quay completed with the assistance of Arts Department, T&I and sculptor Eileen McDonagh
- Part VIII process to refurbish bandstand
- Outdoor traditional games programme in Lee Estate Play Area in conjunction with Limerick Community Safety Partnership.

Parks Development

- New machinery shed and staff area built at nursery
- Training courses were arranged for staff on design and planting of flower displays, safe use of machinery and biodiversity.



L to R: Michael Meagher & Joe Molloy at the O’Connell Monument, The Crescent

CEMETERIES

Works were carried out in the graveyards focusing on accessibility for people with disabilities. In Mount Saint Oliver works carried out included redesigning and installing the entrance, creation of parking spaces and improvements to paths. In Mount Saint Lawrence works included improvements to pathway access.

The staff also provided assistance to families with queries in researching grave locations and family details. Work is being carried out to record the history and approximately 7,000 grave monuments of Mount Saint Lawrence in conjunction with Mary Immaculate College.

Maintenance and environmental works were carried out throughout the year including grass and weed control, maintenance of pathways and removal of refuse.

Burials

Mount Saint Oliver	217
Mount Saint Lawrence	91
Mount Saint Lawrence Extension	79
Total	387



L to R: Flan Haskett, John Hayes & Patrick O’Grady

SPORT AND RECREATION

Limerick City was designated as a European City of Sport for 2011. This award followed successful collaboration between Limerick City Council and Shannon Development in submitting a bid to the European Capitals of Sport Association.

The designation of the award provided significant opportunities for the city to promote one of its best assets, its proud sporting culture, and to maximise the potential economic, sporting and cultural benefits arising from the award to the city.

A sample of some of the events which took place in 2011:

- European Duathlon Championships
- Great Limerick Run
- Guinness Book of Records World Hacka Record Attempt
- South of Ireland Junior & Senior Tennis Championships
- Limerick Sporting Artefacts Exhibition
- EPC European Power lifting and Single-lifts Championships
- AIESEP International conference – Physical Education
- Limerick Masters Swimming Club: Thomond Swim

Municipal Golf Course

Following redevelopment and upgrade works to Rathbane Municipal Golf Course in 2010, further work was carried out in 2011 to improve the condition of the entrance road and part of the boundary wall. Potential funding was sourced from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to upgrade sewerage facilities at Rathbane Clubhouse. It is anticipated that these works will be completed in 2012.

Great Limerick Run

The second Great Limerick Run took place on Sunday, 1st May, 2011. Over 6,000 people participated in the three events including the marathon, the half-marathon and the six mile event. Large numbers of spectators lined the routes to support and cheer on the runners.

European Mobility Week 2011

Reflecting the 'Alternative Mobility' theme of European Mobility Week 2011, the Community & Enterprise Department organised an exhibition in September in the Milk Market, in collaboration with other public agencies, private companies and voluntary groups. A four page promotion was also published in the Limerick Post newspaper.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

REC: RECREATIONAL SERVICES

Rec.1 Children's Playgrounds

A. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.05
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B. Number of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.09
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Rec.2 Local Authority-Facilitated Leisure Facilities

Number of visitors to local authority-facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	2949.66
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Saoirse Dunne, Eoin Fahey, Cillian Dunne, Lyn Buffington and Gary Deveroux at The Prozone Super 3 Hour Spinathon in aid of the Mid-West Spina Bifida Association at Thomond Park.



Páirceanna, Spórt & Caitheamh Aimsire

RANNÓG NA bPÁIRCEANNA

Lean Rannóg na bPáirceanna dá cothabháil agus dá forbairt ar 380 acra a chuimsíonn plásóga agus spáis oscailte sa chathair, rud a chuir bearradh féir, bearradh ciumhaise, srianadh fiailí agus piocadh bruscair san áireamh. Chuir an fhoireann comhairle agus tacaíocht ar fáil do ghrúpaí áitiúla freisin agus iad ag cur agus ag cothabháil a gceantar áitiúil.

Bláthanna

- Cothabháladh ceapacha bláthanna an earraigh agus an tsamhraidh, na taispeántais lus an chromchinn, ceapacha rósanna agus rosáin ar fud na cathrach.
- Taispeánadh bláthchiseáin ar crochadh ar ocht nDroichead faoi Bhláth ó mhí na Bealtaine go mí Mheán Fómhair. Taispeánadh ciseáin bhláthanna ar Shráid an Chrúisigh, ar Shráid an Róistigh agus i gCeathrú an Mhargaidh agus cuireadh sraitheanna bláthanna ar Shráid Uí Chonaill, ar Rae Bedford agus ar Shráid Thomáis.
- Ceannaíodh Soithí Plandaí nua faoin Scéim Deontais um Mórtas Ceantair.

Crainn

- Cuireadh plandaí i bPáirc an Phobail, i bPáirc Shíol mBroin agus ar Bhruach na Canála.
- Leanadh leis an gclár um prúnáil crann sna háiteanna seo a leanas: Radharc na Coille, an Corrbhaile, Céide Merval, Baile Shinéad, Páirc De Valera agus Plásóg Chathair Dháibhín.

Bithéagsúlacht

- Cuireadh garraí scóir glasraí ar taispeáint i bPáirc Uí Bhriain agus bhí daltaí bunscoile ón gceantar páirteach i gcur agus baint na bplandaí agus chuir siad an tionscadal múirín i gcrích.
- Soláthraíodh síolta bláthanna léana agus plandaí dúchasacha d'oibrithe deonacha Ghréasán Bithéagsúlachta Luimnigh chun ceapach bláthanna píolótach le bithéagsúlacht dhúchasach a fhorbairt ag Trá Mhic Fhlanncha.

Clár Gníomhaíochtaí sna Páirceanna

- Leanadh ar aghaidh leis an gClár Gníomhaíochtaí sna Páirceanna rathúil agus thug Ceol sa Pháirc um Bealtaine éagsúlacht ceoil agus bannaí do Pháirc an Phobail agus thar cheithre Shatharn as a chéile.
- Reáchtáladh cúig lá rathúil do theaghlaigh lena n-áirítear ‘Taibhsí sa Pháirc’ (‘Haunting in the Park’), ócáid Oíche Shamhna i gcomhar le Comhoibríoch Gothika, Straitéis Náisiúnta um Shúgradh, Eggstravaganza na Cásca agus Ócáidí na Nollag sa Chathair - Tóraíocht Taisce na Nollag, Dráma Puipéad na Nollag agus lá móréilimh déanta na mbronntanas.
- Lean an Clós Scátála ar aghaidh mar ionad móréilimh le haghaidh gníomhaíochtaí scátála lena n-áirítear comórtas scátála réigiúnach Chúige Mumhan
- Tugadh faoi oibreacha ar an áit súgartha i bPáirc an Phobail. Thacaigh Rannóg na bPáirceanna le hathchóiriú Áit Súgartha Mhaigh Rois agus soláthraíodh trealamh nua súgartha.
- Suiteáladh leithreas poiblí (APC) i bPáirc Shíol mBroin.
- Críochnaíodh dealbhóireacht ar Ché Theach an Chustaim le cuidiú ón Rannóg Ealaíon, T&I agus dealbhóir Eileen McDonagh
- Próiseas Chuid VIII chun an seastán bannaí a athchóiriú.
- Clár chuichí traidisiúnta amuigh faoin aer i Limistéar Súgartha Eastát Uí Laoi i gcomhar le Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteacht Pobail Luimnigh.

Forbairt na bPáirceanna

- Togadh seid nua d'innealra agus áit don fhoireann ag an bplandlann.
- Socraíodh cúrsaí oiliúna don fhoireann ar dhearadh agus chur taispeántais bhláthanna, ar úsáid shlán innealra agus ar bithéagsúlacht.



The People's Park

REILIGÍ

Tugadh faoi oibreacha ar reiligi ag díriú ar rochtain le haghaidh daoine faoi mhíchumas. San áireamh sna hoibreacha a rinneadh i gCnocán San Oilibhéar bhí athdhearadh agus suiteáil ar an mbealach isteach, spásanna páirceála a chruthú agus feabhsú ar chosáin. I gCnocán San Labhrás san áireamh sna feabhsuithe bhí rochtain ar chosáin.

Chuir an fhoireann cúnamh ar fáil do theaghlaigh le ceisteanna i ndáil le taighde ar shuíomhanna reiligi agus sonraí teaghlaigh. Táthar ag tabhairt faoi obair ar thaifead a dhéanamh de stair agus thart ar 7,000 séadchomhartha reilige Chnocán San Labhrás i gcomhar le Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál.

Ar na hoibreacha cothabhála agus comhshaoil ar tugadh fúthu le linn na bliana bhí smachtú fiailí agus féir, cothabháil cosán agus tógáil bruscair.

Adhlacthaí

Cnocán San Oilibhéar	217
Cnocán San Labhrás	91
Síneadh Chnocán San Labhrás	79
Iomlán	387

SPÓRT AGUS CAITHEAMH AIMSIRE

Ainmníodh Luimneach mar Chathair Eoprach Spóirt don bhliain 2011. Bhí an dámhachtain seo mar thoradh ar chomhoibríocht rathúil idir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus Forbairt Shionainne le tairiscint a chuir siad faoi bhráid Chomhlachas Phríomhchathreacha Eorpacha an Spóirt.

Le hainmiúchán na dámhachtaine cuireadh deiseanna suntasacha ar fáil don chathair ceann dá sócmhainní is fearr, an cultúr spóirt atáthar bródúil as, a chur chun cinn, agus an méid leasa is féidir a bhaint as na tairbhí féideartha geilleagracha, spóirt agus cultúrtha a eascraíonn as an dámhachtain don chathair.

Seo a leanas sampla de roinnt de na hócáidí a bhí ar siúl sa bhliain 2011:

- Comórtais Eorpacha Dé-atlain
- Mór-Rith Luimnigh
- Iarracht ar Churiarracht Dhomhanda do Leabhar Guinness leis an Hacka
- Comórtais Leadóige Shinsearachacha & Shóisearachacha Dheisceart na hÉireann
- Taispeántas Luimnigh de Dhéantáin Spóirt
- Craobhchomórtais Eorpacha um Thógáil Cumhachta agus um Thógáil Meáchan Aonair EPC
- Comhdháil Idirnáisiúnta AIESEP - Corpoideachas
- Club Snámha Máistrí Luimnigh: Snámh Thuamhan

Galfchúrsa na Cathrach

Tar éis oibreacha athfhorbartha agus uasghrádaithe ar Ghalfchúrsa na Cathrach, an Ráth Bhán, sa bhliain 2010, rinneadh tuilleadh oibre air sa bhliain 2011 chun caoi an bhóthair isteach a fheabhsú agus cuid den bhalla teorann freisin. Fuarthas tuilleadh maoiniú ón Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt chun áiseanna séarachais a uasghrádú ag Clubtheach na Rátha Báine. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfear na hoibreacha seo i gcrích sa bhliain 2012.

Mór-Rith Luimnigh

Bhí Mór-Rith Luimnigh ar siúl don dara huair Dé Domhnaigh, an 1 Bealtaine 2011. Ghlac níos mó ná 6,000 duine páirt sna trí ócáid lena n-áirítear an maratón, an leathmharatón agus an rith sé mhíle. Tháinig líon mór daoine amach chun tacaíocht agus misneach a thabhairt do na reathaithe ar fud an chúrsa.

Seachtain Soghluaiseachta na hEorpa 2011

Chun topaic ‘Soghluaiseacht Mhalartach’ Sheachtain Soghluaiseachta na hEorpa 2011 a léiriú, d’eagraigh an Rannóg Pobail & Fiontraíochta taispeántas i mí Mheán Fómhair i Margadh an Bhainne, i gcomhar le gníomhaireachtaí poiblí, cuideachtaí príobháideacha agus grúpaí deonacha eile. Foilsíodh fógraíocht ceithre leathanach sa nuachtán Limerick Post.

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

REC: SEIRBHÍSEÍ CAITHIMH AIMSIRE

Rec.1 Clóis Súgartha do Leanaí	
A. Líon na gclós súgartha do leanaí de réir gach 1,000 den daonra arna soláthar ag an údarás áitiúil	0.05
B. Líon na gclós súgartha do leanaí de réir gach 1,000 den daonra arna éascú ag an údarás áitiúil	0.09
Rec.2 Áiseanna Fóillíochta an Údaráis Áitiúil	
Líon cuairteoirí chuig áiseanna fóillíochta an údaráis áitiúil de réir gach 1,000 duine den daonra	2949.66



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Community & Enterprise

COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

The remit of the C&E department is to achieve a co-ordinated and integrated approach to the social and cultural development of our great city via Limerick City Development Board and related programmes, and to support Limerick City Council which is charged with leading the process.

Joint Limerick City/County Economic Development Committee

The Joint Limerick City/County Economic Development Committee, established in 2009, continued its work during the year. Following a workshop in November the Committee agreed to prepare a strategy based on a limited set of economic priorities for implementation to complement the unification process of Limerick City and County Councils.

Social Inclusion

Limerick Intercultural Week took place at the end of May. The week long calendar of events allowed people of all ages and nationalities to join in celebrating their rich culture and history with the majority of events free for all the family.

The celebrations officially opened with the Limerick Sixes Sportsfest and among the highlights were the MBNA Limerick International Music Festival organised by the Irish Chamber Orchestra. A highly entertaining week was brought to a close with Irish Aid sponsored Africa Day Festival of Cultures celebrations in City Hall and the Milk Market. The week's events were run under the auspices of the Limerick City/County Integration Working Group.



Minister of State, Jan O'Sullivan, Kossi Kofigan & Mayor Byrne enjoy a drumming lesson in advance of Africa Day

The Annual Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards

Pride of Place is an initiative of the Local Authority All-Island Steering Forum. The forum is hosted by **Co-operation Ireland**, a charity which has been involved in promoting peace-building activities North and South for the past 30 years. **The Pride of Place Awards** recognise the selfless work, being done all over the island of Ireland, by local community and voluntary groups to create caring, viable, vibrant and visible communities.

Judging of the **Pride of Place (Cities) Competition**

2011 took place in July. Two judges from Co-operation Ireland met with the four groups, nominated by the C&E Department, and rigorously assessed their work.

The groups were:

- Moyross Residents Forum
- Limerick Civic Trust
- Southill Family Resource Centre
- The Get Back Challenge

The All-Island Pride of Place Awards ceremony took place in November and following on from the success of previous years for Limerick City entries, The Southill Family Resource Centre claimed first prize in its category while the Get Back Challenge was awarded runner up prize in its category.



Southill Family Support & Community Resource Centre, winners in their category of Co-Operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards



Above: Graduates of the JobFit Limerick Participant celebrate their successful completion of the programme, with certificates presented by Guest of Honour, Mayor of Limerick Cllr Maria Byrne.

Right: Limerick School of Art and Design Graduate Fashion Show



National Recreation Week

The aim of National Recreation Week was, amongst other things, to highlight the importance of recreation for young people. A family event 'A Haunting Family Day' was organised in the People's Park in October by the Environment Department and proved to be a great success.

Integration

The Limerick Integration Working Group (IWG) operates under the Social Inclusion Measures Committees of both Limerick City and County Development Boards. The IWG was established with the aim of bringing together statutory, community and voluntary bodies to address integration needs of migrant and host communities in Limerick. 2011 saw the inauguration of Limerick Language Alive Week, a week long programme of events to enable people of all ages and nationalities to join together to celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of language in their community through participation in events which aimed to bring language alive, connect communities and break down communication and cultural barriers.

Youth

Limerick City Comhairle na nÓg is a local youth council, which gives young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. Limerick City Development Board, with the support of key partner Limerick Youth Service, is responsible for the delivery of the Comhairle na nÓg programme as part of implementing the National Children's Strategy at local level.

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs has urged each Comhairle to increase their focus on decision making structures with a view to understanding the issues which affect them both locally and nationally.

The following were the main activities for 2011:

- Participation in Dáil na nÓg – National Youth Parliament in Croke Park
- Comhairle na nÓg Annual General Meeting
- Development of Information DVD on Bullying 'If You Really Knew Me'

A Comhairle Na nÓg Steering Committee was formed and links have also been established between the Comhairle and Limerick City Childrens Services Committee.

Community & Voluntary Forum

Limerick City Community and Voluntary Forum continued its work during the year. The sixth Limerick City Community and Voluntary Fair took place at the Milk Market at the end of September.

Limerick City Childrens Services Committee

Since its inception, the Limerick City Childrens Services Committee, (CSC), has been directed in its thinking, planning and strategising by the National Agenda for Childrens Services and the need to provide effective service coordination for Childrens Services in Limerick. The original work plan of the CSC was developed in line with the Limerick Regeneration Agencies' Master Plan. Work continued during 2011 in relation to the following;

- Development of the Limerick Assessment of Need System (including a Sharing Information System and a Common Assessment Framework, CAF).
- Further Development of the Restorative Practice Programme: Training was rolled out to a number of agencies during the year
- Progressing of Research Projects
- National Early Years Access Initiative: This is a funding initiative managed by Pobal. The Initiative will fund a maximum of 13 innovative local inter-agency demonstration projects nationwide.

Limerick City of Learning

The week-long inaugural Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival took place in June with a wide variety of free events taking place in various locations throughout the city. The Festival was organised by the Limerick City of Learning Steering Committee in collaboration with Limerick Communications Office. A key goal of the Board's Strategy for the City is that Limerick will become a City of Learning, a city full of opportunities. The festival promoted and celebrated learning in all its forms, showcasing that learning is happening everywhere - for everyone.

Following the employment of a Lifelong Learning Facilitator in 2010, the engagement of an intern during 2011 has provided additional administrative support required to further progress the City of Learning programme for 2012.

FÁS (EGA) Internship Framework

The Community and Enterprise Department co-ordinated the Internship Programme within Limerick City Council during the year. This programme provided training intervention combining certified training modules, in addition to periods of structured workplace learning. Seven interns were provided with work placement for a period of six months. This programme proved very successful with a number of the interns securing full time employment.

Summer School on Local Democracy at University of Limerick

The first University of Limerick, Department of Politics and Public Administration Summer School to be held in partnership with Limerick City Development Board took place at the University in June. The theme of the School was 'Renewing Local Democracy Through Civic Engagement'. A Mayoral Reception was held for participants on June 14.

National Day of Commemoration Ceremony

Limerick hosted a Day of Commemoration Ceremony in July to honour all Irish men and Irish women who died in past wars or on service with the United Nations. 2011 was the 25th anniversary of the first such ceremony which is held annually at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham in Dublin. During 2011 regional ceremonies were held in five other locations across the country.

Representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of Ireland, the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the Jewish Community and the Islamic Community conducted the multi-faith commemoration at which the Mayor of Limerick presided. Also participating were the 12th Infantry Battalion, Sarsfield Barracks, The Watch House Cross Community Choir, the Mid-West Vocal Academy and the Boherbuoy Band.

LIMERICK CITY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

In 2011, Limerick City Childcare Committee was funded through the National Childcare Investment Programme, which involved co-ordinating a variety of actions under the following headings:

Implementing Department of Children and Youth Affairs funded schemes/grants in Limerick City:

- Support to Parent and Toddler Groups
- Support to the Childminding Sector
- A training grant scheme
- Community Childcare Subvention Scheme, available through community based childcare services to parents availing of certain social welfare payments, a GP card or medical card
- Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme, also known as the Free Preschool Year
- Childcare Education and Training Scheme, which replaced payments made by FÁS and the VEC to parents to access childcare while availing of full time training.

Facilitation and co-ordination of the local development of quality childcare services, promoting their sustainability and extending the capacity of the sector in the city.

- Supporting the implementation of Síolta
- Supporting the Start Right - National Early Years Access Initiative
- Promotion of LCCC Resource Library
- Supporting the participation of parents in childcare

Supporting the enhancement of quality in early childhood care and education and school-age provision in Limerick City and supporting ongoing professional development of the local workforce.

- Professional Development
- School Age Childcare Professional Development
- Providers Support
- Employers HR support and training
- Men in Childcare Network

Participation in relevant structures towards ensuring effective collaboration, communication and consultation by stakeholders on early childhood education and care and school-age agenda.

- National Early Years Access Initiative - Start Right
- Supporting Quality in Out of School Services
- Social Inclusions Measures
- South and East Co-ordinators Network

In 2011, there were a number of very successful actions which are outlined below:

- 1. Parents Expo** - Parents Expo took place in October. There were 32 stand holders. Workshops included: road safety, first aid and music and movement, face painting and activities for children. Rugby star Marcus Horan spoke to participants on the importance of team activities and physical activity as part of the European City of Sport.
- 2. A School Age Childcare Conference** was held in November. The focus of the conference was to support and encourage the inclusion of school age children in the decision making and planning processes within their services. This conference was attended by a mixture of both practitioners and students. Each participant received a selection of resources relating to each workshop.
- 3. Start Right** - National Early Years Access Initiative
Limerick City Childcare Committee worked collaboratively with Limerick City CSC, PAUL Partnership, SIE, and Mary Immaculate College on the Start Right - NEYAI. This project is ongoing and seeks to enhance the capacity of parents, families and services to work collaboratively to improve the health and well-being of children, with a particular focus on learning and development while fostering collaborative work practices in the early years' sector among service providers, other professional groups, parents and families



Recipients of People of the Year Awards

4. Relationship with Síolta Co-ordinators – Limerick City Childcare staff built very positive relationships with the Síolta Co-ordinator working in the area in 2011. This has led to potentially applying a more strategic approach to planning around the needs of services relating to Síolta in the future. A field trip to visit Waterford based services participating formally on the Síolta Process took place in September and participants from the Limerick City area attended. The Limerick Northside Síolta Network made a short presentation to the Waterford attendees and two site visits were conducted on the day.

5. Training Grant Scheme – 14 applicants were approved for training grants in 2011 for courses ranging from FETAC level 5 to level 8 distance learning with NUI Galway. 10 grants were subsequently awarded whereby each student received in excess of 36% of their fees. A total of €8,000 was paid out.

SERVICE INDICATORS:

CP: COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

CP.1 Participation in local Youth Council/ Comhairle na nÓg scheme

Percentage of local schools and youth groups involved in the local Youth Council/ Comhairle na nÓg scheme	17.39
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CP.2 Groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum

Number of groups registered with the Community and Voluntary Forum	142
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Pobal & Fiontar

POBAL AGUS FIONTAR

Tá sé faoi chúram ag an Rannóg P&F cur chuige comhordaithe comhtháite a bhaint amach um fhorbairt shóisialta agus chultúrtha ár gcathair iontach trí Bhord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh agus trí chlár lena mbaineann, agus trí thacú le Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh atá ar thús cadhnaíochta sa phróiseas ar fad.

Comhchoiste Forbartha Geilleagraí Chathair/ Chontae Luimnigh

Lean Comhchoiste Forbartha Geilleagraí Chathair/Chontae Luimnigh, arna bhunú sa bhliain 2009, dá chuid oibre. Tar éis ceardlainne i mí na Samhna d'aontaigh an Coiste ar straitéis a ullmhú bunaithe ar shraith shrianta de thosaíochtaí geilleagracha maidir le forfheidhmiú chun próiseas aontaithe Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh le Comhairle Contae Luimnigh a chomhlánú.

Cuimsiú Sóisialta

Bhí Seachtain Idirchultúir Luimnigh ar siúl ag deireadh mhí na Bealtaine. Thug féilire na n-ócáide, a mhair seachtain, deis do dhaoine ar gach aois agus gach náisiúntacht a gcultúr saibhir agus stair shaibhir a cheiliúradh agus bhí tromlach na n-ócáidí saor in aisce don teaghlach ar fad.

Osclaíodh an ceiliúradh go hoifigiúil le Limerick Sixes Sportsfest agus san áireamh sna buaicphointí bhí Fleá Ceoil Idirnáisiúnta Luimnigh MBNA, arna heagrú ag Ceolfhoireann Aireagail na hÉireann. Cuireadh deireadh leis an tseachtain lán le siamsaíocht le ceiliúradh Lá na hAfraice, Féile na gCultúr urraithe ag Cúnamh Éireann, i Halla na Cathrach agus i Margadh an Bhainne. Réachtáladh ócáidí na seachtaine faoi choimirce Ghrúpa Oibrithe Lánpháirtíochta Chathair/Chontae Luimnigh.

Is éard atá sna Dámhachtainí Bliantúla Mórtas Ceantair de chuid Co-operation Ireland

Is tionscnamh é **Mórtas Ceantair** de chuid Fóram Stiúrtha uile-Éireann an Údaráis Áitiúil. Tá an fóram á óstáil ag **Co-operation Ireland**. Is carthanas é seo a bhfuil baint aige le cur chun cinn gníomhaíochtaí um chothú síochána ó Thuaidh agus ó Dheas le tríocha bliain anuas. Aithníonn **Dámhachtainí Mórtas Ceantair** siad an obair neamhleithleach atá á déanamh ar fud oileán na hÉireann ag grúpaí pobail áitiúil agus deonacha chun pobail chomhbhácha, inmharthana, bheoga agus shofheicthe a chruthú.

Reáchtáladh moltóireacht ar **Chomórtas Mórtas Ceantair (Cathracha) 2011** i mí Iúil. Bhuaile beirt mholtóirí de chuid Co-operation Ireland leis na ceithre ghrúpa, arna n-ainmniú ag an Rannóg P&F, agus rinneadh dianmheasúnú ar a gcuid oibre. Seo a leanas na grúpaí:

- Fóram Cónaitheoirí Mhaigh Rois
- Iontaobhas Cathartha Luimnigh
- Lárionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Southill
- Dúshlán 'Get Back'

Bhí searmanas Dhámhachtainí Mórtas Ceantair uile-Éireann ar siúl i mí na Samhna agus ag leanúint le rath iontrálacha Chathair Luimnigh roimhe sin, bhain Lárionad Acmhainní Teaghlaigh Southill an chéad áit amach ina chatagóir agus bhain Dúshlán 'Get Back' an dara háit is fearr amach ina chatagóir.

Seachtain Náisiúnta um Chaitheamh Aimsire

Ar aidhmeanna Sheachtain Náisiúnta um Caitheamh Aimsire, bhí béim a leagan ar thábhacht caitheamh aimsire i measc daoine óga. D'eagraigh an Rannóg Comhshaoil ócáid do theaghlaigh 'Taibhsí sa Pháirc don Teaghlach' ('A Haunting Family Day') i bPáirc an Phobail i mí Dheireadh Fómhair agus d'éirigh go han-maith leis an lá.

Lánpháirtíocht

Feidhmíonn Grúpa Oibrithe Lánpháirtíochta Luimnigh (IWG) faoi na Coistí um Chuimsiú Sóisialta i mBoird Forbartha Chathair agus Chontae Luimnigh. Bunaíodh IWG leis an aidhm comhlachtaí reachtúla, pobail agus deonacha a thabhairt le chéile chun dul i ngleic le riachtanais lánpháirtíochta na bpobal imirceach agus óstaigh i Luimneach. Sa bhliain 2011 tugadh isteach Seachtain Luimnigh ‘Language Alive’ den chéad uair, clár a mhair seachtain d’ócáidí chun daoine ar gach aois a chur ar a gcumas bailiú le chéile chun éagsúlacht agus beogacht teanga ina bpobal a cheiliúradh trí pháirt a ghlacadh in ócáidí dírithe ar theanga bheo a spreagadh, ar phobail a nascadh agus ar bhaic chumarsáide agus chultúrtha a bhriseadh síos.

An Óige

Is comhairle óige áitiúil í Comhairle na nÓg de Chathair Luimnigh a thugann an deis do dhaoine óga baint a bheith acu le forbairt na seirbhísí áitiúla agus na mbeartas áitiúil. Tá Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh, le tacaíocht óna chomhpháirtí tábhachtach, Seirbhís Óige Luimnigh, freagrach as seachadadh chlár Chomhairle na nÓg mar chuid de chur i bhfeidhm na Straitéise Náisiúnta Leanaí ag an leibhéal áitiúil.

Mhol an Roinn Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige do na Comhairlí go léir a gcuid béime ar struchtúir chinnteoireachta a mhéadú, d’fhonn tuiscint a fháil ar na saincheistanna a chuireann isteach orthu go háitiúil agus go náisiúnta araon.

Ba iad seo a leanas na príomhghníomhaíochta a bhain le 2011:

- Rannpháirtíocht i nDáil na nÓg – Parlaimint Náisiúnta don Óige i bPáirc an Chrócaigh
- Cruinniú Ginearálta Bliantúil Chomhairle na nÓg
- Forbairt ar DVD Faisnéise maidir le Bulaíocht ‘If You Really Knew Me’

Cruthaíodh Coiste Stiúrtha do Chomhairle na nÓg agus bunaíodh naisc freisin idir an Chomhairle agus Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh.

Fóram Deonach & Pobail

Lean Fóram Deonach agus Pobail Chathair Luimnigh dá chuid oibre i rith na bliana. Cuireadh an séú Aonach Pobail agus Deonach de chuid Chathair Luimnigh ar siúl ag Margadh an Bhainne ag deireadh mí Mheán Fhómhair.

Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh

Ó cuireadh ar bun é, bhí Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí (CSC) Chathair Luimnigh á dhírú ag an gClár Náisiúnta um Sheirbhísí Leanaí ina smaointeoireacht, ina phleanáil agus ina straitéisí ar an ngá le comhordú éifeachtach do Sheirbhísí Leanaí a chur ar fáil i Luimneach. Forbraíodh bunphlean oibre an CSC ar aon dul le Máistirphlean Ghníomhaireachtaí Athghiniúna Luimnigh. Leanadh den obair le linn 2011 i ndáil leis na nithe seo a leanas;

- Forbairt ar Chóras Measúnaithe Riachtanais Luimnigh (lena n-áirítear Córas Roinnte Faisnéise agus Comhchreat Measúnaithe).
- Tuilleadh forbartha ar an gClár um Chleachtadh Aisiríoch: Tosaíodh ar oiliúint a chur ar roinnt gníomhaireachtaí i rith na bliana
- Dul chun cinn Thionscadail Taighde
- Tionscnamh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta: Is tionscnamh maoinithe é seo faoi bhainistiú Phobal. Maoineoidh an Tionscnamh seo 13 thionscadal áitiúla nuálacha taispeána idirghníomhaireachta ar a mhéad ar fud na tíre.



Official Opening of Allotment Project in Ballynanty, just off the Knockalisheen Road, managed by the Environment Department in City Hall. Mayor Byrne attends opening with some of the Allotment Holders and members of Limerick City Council.

Cathair Léinn Luimnigh

Bhí Féile thionscnaimh Luimnigh don Fhoghlaim ar feadh an tSaoil, a mhair seachtain, ar siúl i mí an Mheithimh le raon fairsing ócáidí saor in aisce ar siúl i láithreacha éagsúla ar fud na cathrach. D'eagraigh Coiste Stiúrtha Chathair Léinn Luimnigh an Fhéile i gcomhar le hOifig Cumarsáide Luimnigh. Is cuspóir tábhachtach de chuid Straitéis an Bhoird don Chathair é go mbeadh Luimneach ina Chathair Léinn, cathair lán le deiseanna. Chuir an fhéile an léann chun cinn agus cheiliúradh an léann freisin ina fhoirmeacha uile. Léiríodh leis seo go bhfuiltear i mbun léinn i ngach áit agus is do gach duine atá sé.

Tár éis Éascaitheoir don Fhoghlaim ar feadh an tSaoil a bheith fostaithe sa bhliain 2010, soláthraíodh tacaíocht riaracháin bhreise le fostú intéirneach i rith 2011, rud a bhí ag teastáil chun tuilleadh dul chun cinn a dhéanamh ar an gclár um Chathair Léinn le haghaidh 2012.

Creat Intéirneachta FÁS (EGA)

Chomhordaigh an Rannóg Pobail agus Fiontraíochta an Clár Intéirneachta laistigh de Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i rith na bliana. Soláthraíodh leis an gClár seo ionchur oiliúna a chomhcheanglaíonn modúil dheimhnithe oiliúna, chomh maith le tréimhsí struchtúrtha foghlama sa láthair oibre. Cuireadh socrúchán oibre ar fáil do sheachtar intéirneach ar feadh tréimhse sé mhí. D'éirigh go hiontach leis an gclár seo agus fuair roinnt intéirneach fostaíocht lánaimseartha.

Scoil Samhraidh ar Dhaonlathas Áitiúil ag Ollscoil Luimnigh

Bhí an chéad Scoil Samhraidh de chuid na Roinne Polaitíochta agus Riarcháin Poiblí, Ollscoil Luimnigh, i gcomhpháirtíocht le Bord Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh, ar siúl san Ollscoil i mí an Mheithimh. Téama na Scoile ná 'Daonlathas Áitiúil a athnuachan trí Chomhpháirteachas Poiblí'. Reáchtáladh Fáiltiú Méara do na rannpháirithe an 14 Meitheamh.

Searmanas Lá Náisiúnta Comóraidh

D'óstáil Luimneach Searmanas Lá Cuimhneacháin i mí Iúil chun onóir a thabhairt do na fir Éireannacha agus na mná Éireannacha uile a fuair bás i gcogaí nó agus iad i mbun seirbhíse ar son na Náisiún Aontaithe. Ba é 2011 an 25^ú comóradh bliana den chéad searmanas den sórt sin a bhíonn ar siúl gach bliain ag an Ospidéal Ríoga, Cill Mhaighneann i mBaile Átha Cliath. Le linn 2011, reáchtáladh searmanais i gcúig áit eile ar fud na tíre.

Reáchtáil ionadaithe Shéipéal Caitliceach Rómhánach, Eaglais na hÉireann, na nEaglaisí Preispitéireacha agus Modhacha, Phobal na nGiúdach agus an Phobail Ioslamaigh an comóradh ilchreidimh, ar a raibh Méara Luimnigh i gceannas. Ag glacadh páirte freisin bhí an 12^ú cathlán coisithe, Beairic an tSáirséalaigh, Cór Pobail Chrois Theach na Foraíre, Acadamh Gutha an Mheán-Iarthair agus Banna an Bhóthair Bhuí.



Planted raised beds in Ballynanty allotment project

COISTE CÚRAM LEANAÍ CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Bhí Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh (LCCC) á mhaoiniú ag an gClár Náisiúnta Infheistíochta sa Chúram Leanaí sa bhliain 2011. Mar gheall ar an gClár seo, chomhordaigh an Coiste réimse gníomhaíochtaí faoi na teidil seo a leanas:

Chuir i bhfeidhm scéimeanna/dheontais na Roinne Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige i gCathair Luimnigh:

- Tacaíocht do Ghrúpaí Tuismitheoirí agus Mamailíneach
- Tacaíocht don earnáil Chúram Leanaí
- Scéim deontas oiliúna
- Scéim Fóirdheontais um Chúram Leanaí Pobail, atá ar fáil trí sheirbhísí cúram leanaí pobalbhunaithe do thuismitheoirí ag baint úsáid as íocaíochtaí leasa shóisialaigh áirithe, as cárta dochtúra ghinearálta nó as cárta leighis
- An Scéim um Chúram agus Oideachas na Luath-Óige, nó mar is fearr aithne, an Bhliain Shaor Réamhscoile
- An Scéim Oideachais agus Oiliúna um Chúram Leanaí, a tháinig isteach in áit íocaíochtaí a bhí tugtha ag FÁS agus ag an gCoiste Gairmoideachais do thuismitheoirí chun rochtain a fháil ar chúram leanaí le linn dóibh oiliúint lánaimseartha a fháil.



Jade Ryan, Corpus Christ PS & Sophie Dore Croom PS at Limerick Fair Trade Awards with Ms Dolores O'Meara, Chair of the Limerick Fairtrade City Committee Mayor Jim Long

Éascú agus comhordú forbairt áitiúil ar sheirbhísí cúram leanaí ar ardchaighdeán, a n-inbhuanaitheacht a chur chun cinn agus cumas na hearnála a mhéadú sa chathair.

- Tacú le Síolta a chur i bhfeidhm
- Tacú le 'Start Right' -Tionscnamh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta:
- Cur Chun Cinn Leabharlann Acmhainní LCCC
- Tacú le tuismitheoirí páirt a ghlacadh i gcúram leanaí

Tacú le feabhsú an ardchaighdeán i gcúram agus oideachas don luath-óig agus aois scoile i gCathair Luimnigh agus tacú le forbairt ghairmiúil leanúnach an fhórsa saothair áitiúil.

- Forbairt Ghairmiúil
- Forbairt Ghairmiúil Chúram Leanaí ar Aois Scoile
- Tacaíocht do Sholáthraithe
- Tacaíocht agus Oiliúint Acmhainní Daonna d'Fhostóirí
- Fir sa Líonra Cúram Leanaí

Rannpháirtíocht i struchtúir ábhartha chun comhoibriú, cumarsáid agus seisiún comhairliúcháin éifeachtach a áirithiú ó na geallsealbhoirí ar an gclár maidir le hoideachas agus cúram luath-óige agus aois scoile.

- Tionscnamh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta – 'Start Right'
- Ag Tacú le Cáilíocht i Seirbhísí Taobh Amuigh den Scoil
- Bearta Cuimsithe Shóisialta
- Gréasán Comhordaitheoirí Theas agus Thoir

Leagtar amach thíos roinnt gníomhaíochtaí rathúla a tugadh fúthu sa bhliain 2011:

- 1. Parents Expo** – Bhí Parents Expo ar siúl i mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Bhí seastán ag 32 ann. San áireamh sna ceardlanna bhí: sábháilteacht ar bhóithre, garchabhair agus ceol agus gluaiseacht, péinteáil aghaidhe agus gníomhaíochtaí do pháistí. Labhair an réalt rugbaí Marcus Horan le rannpháirtithe maidir leis an tábhacht a bhaineann le gníomhaíochtaí foirne agus le gníomhaíocht choirp mar chuid de Chathair Eorpach an Spóirt.
- 2. Reáchtáladh Comhdháil Cúram Leanaí ar Aois Scoile** i mí na Samhna. Ba é ab aidhm don chomhdháil tacaíocht agus spreagadh a thabhairt do chuimsiú leanaí ar aois scoile sna próisis chinnteoireachta agus phleanála laistigh dá seirbhísí. D'fhreastail meascán de chleachtóirí agus scoláirí ar an gcomhdháil seo. Fuair na rannpháirtithe go léir roinnt acmhainní a bhain le gach ceardlann.
- 3. Start Right** - D'oibrigh Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh i gcomhar le Coiste Seirbhísí Leanaí Chathair Luimnigh, le Comhpháirtíocht PAUL, leis an SIE agus le Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál ar Start Right - Tionscnaimh Náisiúnta um Rochtain Luathbhlianta. Tá an tionscadal seo fós ar bun agus déantar iarracht leis cumas tuismitheoirí, teaghlach agus seirbhísí a fhorbairt chun obair i gcomar lena chéile chun sláinte agus leas leanaí a fheabhsú, ag díriú go háirithe ar an bhfoghlaim agus ar fhorbairt agus ag an am céanna ag cothú cleachtais oibre chomhoibríocha in earnáil na luathbhlianta i measc soláthraithe seirbhíse, grúpaí gairmiúla eile, tuismitheoirí agus teaghlach

4. Caidreamh le Comhordaitheoirí Shíolta – Bhunaigh comhaltaí foirne cúraim leanaí i gCathair Luimnigh dea-chaidreamh le Comhordaitheoir Shíolta a bhí ag obair sa cheantar sa bhliain 2011. Mar gheall air seo, is féidir cur chuige níos straitéisí a chur i bhfeidhm i leith pleanála ar riachtanais na seirbhísí atá bainteach le Síolta san am atá le teacht. Chuathas ar turas chuig seirbhísí bunaithe i bPort Láirge a ghlacann páirt go foirmiúil i bPróiseas Shíolta i mí Mheán Fómhair agus bhí rannpháirtithe ó cheantar Chathair Luimnigh i láthair. Thug Gréasán Síolta Thuaisceart Luimnigh cur i láthair gearr do na daoine a bhí i láthair i bPort Láirge agus reáchtáladh dhá chuairt ar shuíomh ar an lá.

5. Scéim Deontas Oiliúna – Glacadh le hiarratais sa bhliain 2011 ó 14 iarratasóir le haghaidh deontais oiliúna ó leibhéal 5 FETAC go cianfhoghlaím leibhéal 8 le hOllscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh. Bronnadh 10 ndeontas dá éis sin agus fuair gach mac léinn breis agus 36% dá dtáillí. Íocadh €8,000 san iomlán.

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

CP: RANNPÁIRTÍOCHT SA PHOBAL

CP.1 Rannpháirtíocht i scéim áitiúil Chomhairle na nÓg	
Céatadán na scoileanna áitiúla agus na ngrúpaí óige a bhfuil baint acu le Scéim Áitiúil Chomhairle na nÓg	17.39
CP.2 Grúpaí atá cláraithe san Fhóram Pobail agus Deonach	
Líon na ngrúpaí atá cláraithe leis an bhFóram Pobail agus Deonach	142



A nighttime photograph of a cityscape. A large, illuminated church spire with a pointed roof is the central focus, rising above the city's rooftops. The city is lit up with warm yellow lights from buildings and streetlights, creating a bokeh effect in the background. In the foreground, a dark semi-circular shape frames the text. The sky is a deep blue with some clouds. The overall mood is serene and urban.

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Economic Development (Incorporating Property Management)

PROMOTING AND DEVELOPING THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF LIMERICK CITY

Key highlights for the year were as follows:

- **Limerick City Council (Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2010**
- confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in September. Limerick City Council served notice of this confirmation on 92 landowners/reputed landowners and occupiers/reputed occupiers.
- **Approval and launch of Limerick City Council Pilot Retail Incentive Scheme for Vacant Property**
- The scheme was approved by the elected members of Limerick City Council in April and was formally launched in May. The scheme aims to address the problem of vacancy in the core retail area of the city. In 2011 Limerick City Council received 38 enquiries and four applications were submitted.
- **Free Park – Car Parks:** A trial initiative which aims to bring more shoppers into Limerick city centre. The city's car parks and traders have joined forces to offer a new service to provide free parking to Limerick shoppers in participating city centre car parks. When customers spend a set amount in participating shops, hotels, restaurants and businesses, they will be rewarded with parking vouchers, based on a minimum spend in that outlet. The customers can redeem the voucher against their parking charge, offsetting the cost of city centre shopping.
- **Parks Atlantic Project** - Interreg IVB Territorial Atlantic Area Programme – Limerick City Council in conjunction with the Mid-West Regional Authority (MWRA) continued to make progress on the Parks Atlantic Project during 2011. The main objective of this transnational cooperation project is to capitalise on the value of urban and suburban parks and enhance their Atlantic contribution to sustainable urban development.
- **Derelict Sites** – continuation of enforcement of Derelict Sites legislation. A total of 57 notices were served during 2011 and 11 sites were taken out of dereliction, this included key sites in the city centre that were long term derelict sites.



Dr. Vincent Cunnane, Chief Executive Shannon Development, actor Kieran McAteer, and Mayor Maria Byrne at announcement of €5.7 million re-vamp of King John's Castle

- **Creative Limerick - Connect to the Grid**
This scheme continues to occupy vacant retail units that are between retail lettings. The scheme provides active and engaging shop frontages in the city thereby enhancing the overall ambience in the city centre.
- **Limerick Regeneration Agency** - The Economic Development Department continues to work with the Regeneration Agencies in identifying suitable sites for redevelopment.
- **City Centre Strategy** - Georgian Quarter: progression of plans for pilot demonstration project

Marketing of Limerick City Centre at Christmas:

- Focused marketing campaign for city centre for Christmas period promoting city businesses
 - Animation of streets with trees, carol singing and Christmas related entertainment activities
 - Provision of Santa experience in City Centre
- Limerick City Council was the lead contributor in this Christmas Marketing Campaign.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Property Management Unit of the Economic Development Department continued to advance a significant number of matters under this area of responsibility during 2011 including settlement of outstanding CPO compensation claims, land acquisitions/disposals, evaluation of strategic land holdings/opportunities, leases, licences, requests for wayleaves, putting in place legal documentation (Deed of Charge) for drawdown of Access II funding for artists apartment in John Square, land ownership queries, queries on rights of way, adverse possession issues, perfection of legal title on land, collection of rents owing, site inspections, maintenance of sites, Part V, trespass/squatters etc

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Realising the economic potential of the city by the provision of infrastructure and the promotion of retailing, tourism and general commercial and industrial development.

Key services of this department include:

- The Review of the City Development Plan
- The Control of Development
- The implementation of government programmes for tax exempt developments
- The Conservation of natural and built environment
- The provision of advice and guidance

A considerable scope of work was achieved during the year, which included:

- Publication of the City Development Plan 2010-2016.
- Redesign and updating the Planning Department web pages.
- Redesign of application forms and making these available for download from the Website.
- Preparing documents for two variations to the City Development Plan 2010-2016.
- Participation in the Shannon Integrated Framework Plan
- Undertaking a review of the development contribution scheme.
- Ongoing work on the review of the Regional Recreational Strategy.
- Participation in Mid-West Area Strategic Plan (MWASP)
- Ongoing liaison with Limerick Regeneration Agency.
- Planning applications published on line.
- Preparation of the Biodiversity Plan for Limerick City.

Significant planning permissions issued in 2011 included:

- Development of Cinema at Ennis Road
- Development of Regeneration Housing Units in Southill
- Construction of 26 dwellings on the former racecourse site.
- Construction of a Library, Café/Restaurant and Training Centre at Limerick Institute of Technology.
- Construction of 49 two storey houses at Corbally.
- Change of Use from Retail to Office at old Co-Operative Society Limited, Roxborough Road

Development levies in the amount of €712,503.00 were collected in 2011

Little Catherine Street & Roches Street retailers



SERVICE INDICATORS:

P: PLANNING

P.1 Planning Applications – Decision Making	
INDIVIDUAL HOUSES	
A. Number of applications decided	4
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	1
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	3
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	70
F. Percentage of applications granted	100
G. Percentage of applications refused	0
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	0
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0
NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	
A. Number of applications decided	1
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	1
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	0
D. Number of decisions in Column A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0

E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
F. Percentage of applications granted	0
G. Percentage of applications refused	100
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	0
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0
OTHER: NOT REQUIRING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT	
A. Number of applications decided	173
B. Number of decisions in Column A which were decided within 8 weeks	103
C. Number of decisions in Column A which required the submission of further information	70
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	66.17
F. Percentage of applications granted	94.22
G. Percentage of applications refused	5.78
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	100
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0

OTHER: REQUIRING ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT	
A. Number of applications decided	0
B. Number of decisions in A which were decided within 8 weeks	0
C. Number of decisions in A which required the submission of further information	0
D. Number of decisions in A where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
E. Average length of time taken (in days) to decide an application where further information was sought	0
F. Percentage of applications granted	0
G. Percentage of applications refused	0
H. Percentage of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	0
I. Percentage of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	0
P.2 Planning Enforcement	
A. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	170
B. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	8
C. Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	20
D. Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	136
E. Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	40
F. Number of prosecutions	3

P.3 Planning Public opening hours	
Average number of opening hours per week	35
P.4 Pre-Planning Consultations	
A. Number of pre-planning consultation meetings held	183
B. Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre-planning consultation	5
P.5 New Buildings inspected	
Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	21.05
P.6 Taking Estates in Charge	
A. The number of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers), were on hands at the beginning of the year.	91
B. Number of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	5
C. Number of dwellings in respect of B	151
D. Percentage of estates in A not completed to satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission.	21.98
E. Number of estates in D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	7
F. Number of estates in D in respect of which works were undertaken by the authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	0



Forbairt Gheilleagrach (Bainistíocht Maoine a Ionchorprú)

CUMAS GEILLEAGRACH CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH A CHUR CHUN CINN AGUS A FHORBAIRT

Ba iad seo a leanas buaicphointí don bhliain:

- **Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2010 (Bóthar Dáileacháin Ó Cuanach/Chnoc an Lisín)** - deimhnithe ag an mBord Pleanála i mí Mheán Fómhair. Sheirbheáil Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh fógra maidir leis an deimhniú seo ar 92 úinéir talún/úinéir talún ainm agus áititheoir/áititheoir ainm.
- **Faomhadh agus seoladh Threoirscéim Dreasa Miondíola Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh um Áitreabh Folaíoch** - D'fhaomh baill thofa Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh an scéim seo i mí Aibreáin agus seoladh go foirmiúil i mí na Bealtaine í. Is é is aidhm don scéim seo ná dul i ngleic le fadhb na n-áitreabh folamh i limistéar miondíola chroílár na cathrach. Sa bhliain 2011 fuair Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 20 fiosrú agus cuireadh ceithre iarratas faoina bráid.
- **Luimneach na Cruthaitheachta - Nascadh leis an Eangach**
Tá an scéim seo fós in aonaid mhiondíola fholmha atá idir ligin mhiondíola. Soláthraítear leis an scéim seo éadanas siopaí atá gníomhach agus tarraingteach sa chathair agus feabhsaítear comhthimpeallacht iomlán lár na cathrach dá barr.
- **Free Park – Carrchlóis:** Tionscnamh trialach a mheallfaidh níos mó siopaeirí chug lár chathair Luimnigh. Tá carrchlóis na cathrach ag obair le chéile chun seirbhís nua a chur ar fáil-páirceáil saor in aisce do shiopaeirí Luimnigh i gcarchlóis rannpháirtigh i lár na cathrach. Nuair a chaitheann siopaeirí suim áirithe i siopaí, óstáin, bialanna agus gnólachtaí, tabharfar dearbháin pháirceála dóibh, bunaithe ar íoschaiteachas san ionad sin. Féadfaidh custaiméirí an dearbhán a úsáid

chun a dtáille pháirceála a íoc, agus costas páirceála a fhritháireamh.

- **Tionscadal Páirceanna an Atlantaigh** – Clár Interreg IVB um Cheantar Críche an Atlantaigh – Lean Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh i gcomhar le hÚdarás Réigiúnach an Mheán-Iarthair (MWRA) leo ag déanamh dul chun cinn ar Thionscadal Páirceanna an Atlantaigh le linn 2011. Is é is príomhaidhm don tionscadal trasnásiúnta leas a bhaint as luach na bpáirceanna uirbeacha agus fo-uirbeacha agus lena bpáirt Atlantach i bhforbairt uirbeach inbhuanaithe a fheabhsú.
- **Láithreáin Thréigthe** – leanúint de chur i bhfeidhm na reachtaíochta um Láithreáin Thréigthe. Seirbheáladh 57 bhfógra ar an iomlán i rith 2011 agus slánadh 11 láithreán as dearóiliú, lena n-áirítear láithreáin i lár na cathrach a bhí tréigthe ar feadh tréimhse fhadtéarmach.
- **Gníomhaireacht Athghiniúna Luimnigh** - Leanann an Rannóg Forbartha Geilleagraí dá hobair leis na Gníomhaireachtaí Athghiniúna ar láithreáin oiriúnacha i leith athfhorbartha a shainaithint.
- **Straitéis Lár na Cathrach** - an Ceantar Seoirseach – dul chun cinn pleananna do threoirthionscadal taispeántais

Margú ar Lár Chathair Luimnigh um Nollaig:

- Feachtas margaíochta fócasaithe i leith lár na cathrach le linn thréimhse na Nollag a chuir gnólachtaí cathrach chun cinn
- Maisiú na sráideanna le crainn, le canadh carúl agus imeachtaí siamsaíochta bainteach le Nollaig
- Soláthar eispéireas Dhaidí na Nollag i Lár na Cathrach
- Bhí Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar an rannpháirtí ba mhó le linn an fheachtais mhargaíochta Nollag seo.



Band members of The Coronas with Mayor Jim Long turn on the Christmas Lights at Brown Thomas Limerick



George's Quay, Limerick

BAINISTÍOCHT MAOINE

Lean an tAonad Bainistíochta Réadmhaoine den Rannóg Forbartha Geilleagraí de dhul chun cinn líon mór saincheistanna faoin réimse seo freagrachta le linn 2011, lenar áiríodh socrú éilimh chúitimh amuigh d'ordú ceannaigh éigeantaigh (CPO), fáil/diúscairt talún, measúnú ar dheiseanna/ar ghabhálaí talún straitéiseacha, léasanna, ceadúnais, iarratais ar cheadanna slí, bunú cáipéisíocht dlí (Gníomhas Muirir) ar íostarraingt mhaoiniú Access II maidir le hárasán ealaíontóirí i gCearnóg Eoin agus leis an Dánlann Ealaíne, iarratais úinéireachta talún, iarratais ceart slí, saincheistanna seilbhe codarsna, cur i gcrích an teidil dlí ar thalamh, bailiú cíosa dlí, iniúchtaí láithreán, cothabháil láithreán, Cuid V, foghail/suiteoirí, srl.

PLEANÁIL & FORBAIRT GHEILLEAGRACH

Poitéinseal geilleagrach na cathrach a bhaint amach trí infrastruchtúr a sholáthar agus miondíoltóireacht, turasóireacht agus forbairt ghinearálta tráchtála agus thionsclaíoch a chur chun cinn.

Áirítear le heochair-sheirbhísí na rannóige seo:

- Athbhreithniú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach
- Rialú na forbartha
- Cláir an rialtais d'fhorbairtí díolúine cánach a chur i bhfeidhm
- Caomhnú na timpeallachta nádúrtha agus tógtha
- Soláthar na comhairle agus na treorach

Rinneadh neart oibre i rith na bliana, lena n-áirítear:

- Foilsíodh Plean Forbartha na Cathrach 2010-2016.
- Suíomhanna gréasáin na Rannóige Pleanála a athdhearadh agus a uasghrádú.
- Foirmeacha iarratais a athdhearadh agus iad a chur ar fáil mar íoslódáil ar an suíomh Idirlín.
- Doiciméid a ullmhú maidir le dhá athrú ar Phlean Forbartha na Cathrach 2010-2016.
- Rannpháirtíocht i gCreatphlean Comhtháite Shionainne
- Tabhairt faoi athbhreithniú ar an scéim ranníocaíochta forbartha.
- Obair leanúnach ar an athbhreithniú ar an Straitéis um Chaitheamh Aimsire Réigiúnach.
- Rannpháirtíocht i bPlean Straitéiseach an Mheán-Iarthair (MWASP)
- Teagmháil leanúnach le Gníomhaireacht Athghiniúna Luimnigh.
- Foilsíodh iarratais pleanála ar líne.
- Plean Bithéagsúlachta do Chathair Luimnigh a ullmhú.

Áirítear leis na ceadanna móra pleanála a eisíodh sa bhliain 2011:

- Forbairt na Pictiúrlainne ar Bhóthar na hInse
- Forbairt na nIonad Tithíochta Athghiniúna i Southill
- Tógáil 26 theaghaisí ar shuíomh an tSean-Ráschúrsa.
- Tógáil Leabharlainne, Caifé/Bialainne agus Ionad Oilíúna ag Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh.
- Tógáil 49 dteach dhá urlár sa Chorrbaile.
- Athrú ó Úsáid Miondíola go húsáid Oifige ag sean-Comharchumann Teoranta, Bóthar Bhaile an Róistigh

Bailíodh tobhaigh forbartha ar luach €712,503.00 sa bhliain 2011

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

P: PLEANÁIL

P.1 Iarratais Phleanála – Déanamh Cinntí	
TITHE AONAIR	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith	4
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith laistigh de 8 seachtaine	1
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh faisnéise ina leith	3
D. Líon cinntí in A ar aontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama ina dtaobh, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánmhéid ama (laethanta) a thóg sé cás a chinneadh a raibh tuilleadh faisnéise ag teastáil ina thaobh	70
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	100
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	0
H. Céatadán na gcásanna ina bhfuil an cinneadh daingnithe ag an mBord Pleanála, gan athruithe nó le hathruithe	0
I. Céatadán na gcásanna mar ar aisiompaigh an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0
FORBAIRT TITHÍOCHTA NUA	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith	1
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith laistigh de 8 seachtaine	1
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh faisnéise ina leith	0
D. Líon cinntí i gColún A ar aontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama ina dtaobh, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0

E. Meánmhéid ama (laethanta) a thóg sé cás a chinneadh a raibh tuilleadh faisnéise ag teastáil ina thaobh	0
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	0
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	100
H. Céatadán na gcásanna ina bhfuil an cinneadh daingnithe ag an mBord Pleanála, gan athruithe nó le hathruithe	0
I. Céatadán na gcásanna mar ar aisiompaigh an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0
EILE: GAN MEASÚNÚ AR AN TIONCHAR AR AN gCOMHSHAOL A BHEITH AG TEASTÁIL	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith	173
B. Líon na gcinntí i gColún A a ndearnadh cinneadh orthu laistigh de 8 seachtaine	103
C. Líon na gcinntí i gColún A ar theastaigh tuilleadh faisnéise ina leith	70
D. Líon cinntí in A ar aontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama ina dtaobh, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánmhéid ama (laethanta) a thóg sé cás a chinneadh a raibh tuilleadh faisnéise ag teastáil ina thaobh	66.17
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H. Céatadán na gcásanna ina bhfuil an cinneadh daingnithe ag an mBord Pleanála, gan athruithe nó le hathruithe	100
I. Céatadán na gcásanna mar ar aisiompaigh an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0

EILE: MEASÚNÚ AR AN TIONCHAR AR AN gCOMHSHAOL A BHEITH AG TEASTÁIL	
A. Líon na n-iarratas a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith	0
B. Líon na gcinntí in A a ndearnadh cinneadh ina leith laistigh de 8 seachtaine	0
C. Líon na gcinntí in A ar theastaigh tuilleadh faisnéise ina leith	0
D. Líon cinntí in A ar aontaigh an t-iarratasóir ar shíneadh ama ina dtaobh, faoi alt 34(9) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000	0
E. Meánmhéid ama (laethanta) a thóg sé cás a chinneadh a raibh tuilleadh faisnéise ag teastáil ina thaobh	0
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas a ceadaíodh	0
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas a diúltaíodh	0
H. Céatadán na gcásanna ina bhfuil an cinneadh daingnithe ag an mBord Pleanála, gan athruithe nó le hathruithe	0
I. Céatadán na gcásanna mar ar aisiompaigh an Bord Pleanála an cinneadh	0
P.2 Forfheidhmiú Pleanála	
A. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a iniúchadh	170
B. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a díbheadh	8
C. Líon iomlán na gcásanna faoi réir gearán a réitíodh trí idirbheartaíocht	20
D. Líon na ngnáthamh forfheidhmithe a ghhlactar trí litreacha foláirimh	136
E. Líon na ngnáthamh forfheidhmithe a ghhlactar trí litreacha forfheidhmithe	40
F. Líon na n-ionchúiseamh	3

P.3 Uaireanta oscailte Pleanála don phobal	
Méanlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	35
P.4 Comhairliúchán Réamhphleanála	
A. Líon cruinnithe comhairliúcháin réamhphleanála a eagraíodh	183
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over 90%
of fires attended
within 10 minutes

Fire & Rescue Services

FIRE & EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Achievements for 2011 include:

- The service successfully attended 1160 incidents during the year. Of this 657 were fire incidents.
- Training courses were provided for staff in the following areas: Cardiac First Responder, Emergency First Responder, Hazardous Materials, Aerial Ladder Platform Operator, Compartment Firefighting Techniques Refresher, Breathing Apparatus Refresher, Breathing Apparatus Maintenance, Swift Water Rescue Technician, as well as various Senior and Junior Officer Training Courses and Seminars.
- Swift Water First Responder training was provided to Limerick County Council Fire and Rescue Service personnel by Limerick City instructors.
- All operational crews undertook and completed block training in Dublin Fire Brigade's Training Centre.
- Health and Safety awareness and competency was enhanced by the conduct of Safety Information Sessions, attended by Senior & Junior Officers and Firefighters.
- The Fire and Rescue Service Safety Statement was reviewed and updated.
- Service and maintenance contracts were reviewed for fire engineering equipment, pumps, fire lockers and winches.
- The programme of pre-fire planning was continued for high risk premises within the service's operational area.
- New equipment was purchased to improve the safety of fire personnel responding to water-related incidents.
- A development committee was established to review and implement a suite of National Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs)
- A new water tanker was commissioned and placed into service.
- Construction commenced on two new water tenders with full funding from the DoECLG.
- A recruitment competition for firefighters was completed and five new recruit fire fighters commenced training in November.

FIRE PREVENTION, BUILDING CONTROL & DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

The function of the Fire Prevention, Building Control & Dangerous Buildings Department is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of people who occupy or use buildings, through ensuring the reduction of fire risk, proper means of escape, the access for people with disabilities and the conservation of fuel and energy. To achieve these, a summary of the duties of this department are:

- Fire Safety Certificate applications are assessed, pre commencement of construction of buildings.
- Assessment of applications for Disability Access Certificates, applied for pre-occupation of a new building.
- Inspection of commercial and domestic buildings for deficiencies in relation to fire safety, and actions are taken to improve fire safety where required.
- Inspections of selected building sites to ensure that construction is in accordance with the Building Regulations.
- Investigation of complaints regarding dangerous buildings, and taking of appropriate actions to eliminate the risk posed to the public.
- Community Fire Safety talks are given to all members of the community, particularly to school groups and the elderly.

MAJOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTION

The functions of the Major Emergency Management section are to implement the provisions of the 2006 Framework for Major Emergency Management in Limerick City Council, to review and oversee Limerick City Council's Major Emergency Plan and to continually enhance Limerick City Council's capacity to respond to a major emergency.



Mayor Jim Long & Chief Fire Officer Michael Ryan, accepting keys to new water tender for Limerick Fire Brigade from Noel Howard, High Precision

Achievements for 2011 include:

- The development of a system of resources and staff which may be used to receive and provide public information via a call centre during a crisis.
- The issue of updated Major Emergency Plan appendices.
- The conduct of an inter-agency table-top exercise involving the Crisis Management Team and Local Co-ordination Group.
- The development of systems for notification of ESB activities affecting Limerick City.
- Participation by senior council staff in onsite co-ordination training courses.
- Successfully implementing the response and co-ordination function of the Crisis Management Team (CMT) and the associated Information Management system during the period of flood risk and subsequent period of severe cold weather in November and December.
- The introduction of an SMS based mobilisation and information sharing system which has been successfully used to coordinate Crisis Management Team activities.
- The conduct of Voluntary Emergency Services (VES) seminar in Thomond Park, which over 60 volunteers attended from various voluntary agencies.



Limerick City Fire Station, Mulgrave Street

LIMERICK CITY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Limerick City Community Safety Partnership (LCCSP) is a partnership between Limerick City Council, An Garda Síochána and the HSE. The aims of the partnership is to:

- Increase Community Safety
- Improve the Environment
- Promote Community Spirit

Highlights of our work in 2011 include:

Transition Year Students take a Walk down 'Safety Street'

Following the success of Safety Street 2010, teenagers and adults from various groups in the city once again worked their way through an interactive centre where they experienced various realistic scenarios in a safe environment.

This year's Safety Street project focused on the impact of drugs on the individual, the family and the wider community. Nearly 400 teenagers and adults engaged in drama workshops in the Limerick Institute of Technology; with the workshops being facilitated by representatives from local community groups. Those who attended were given the opportunity to view different scenes from the life of a recovering drug addict.

The initiative was organised and funded in partnership with the Mid West Drug Task Force, the Probation Service, Regeneration Board, An Garda Síochána, the Vocational Educational Committee (VEC) and Limerick City Community Safety Partnership.

Safety Day for Older People

In May we held a very informative safety day in City Hall for our older people. Representatives from various agencies were present on the day to provide information, including Limerick City Care & Repair, Limerick City Fire Service, Limerick City Council's Environment and Housing Departments and the HSE.

All older people who attended the event were given a free safety pack which included an energy saving light bulb, a safety chain, a smoke alarm and information on safety issues. This was a very worthwhile event in order to highlight the importance of keeping safe in the home.

Summer Camps

During the summer months the LCCSP worked in partnership with Ballynanty Resource Centre, SMILES, Northstar, Kileely Court, Limerick City Sports Partnership, Munster Rugby and Northside Regeneration to run fun camps for young people. Members of the Community Co-Ordinator team worked on the Northside Regeneration Summer Camps, in St. Lelia's Hall and St. Munchin's Girls School. Children were given the opportunity to engage in various activities over the course of the camp, including mountain walking in the Galtee Mountains, sports in Shelbourne Park and swimming in the Aquadome in Tralee.

On the Southside the summer activity programme was held in Old Christian's GAA, Rathbane. Children took part in various sports and games and a representative from Munster Rugby attended to teach the children basic rugby skills. In King's Island we worked with Limerick City Sports Partnership to run a sports camp for children living in the area. The children got the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of games, and on the last day they were entranced by the magic tricks performed by magician Steve Spade.

The LCCSP also ran a summer camp for children in Garryowen in conjunction with the Community Development Worker. This camp took place in St. John's Girls School. The participating children availed of every opportunity to play sports, engage in art activities and learn new skills such as cooking.



Training exercises at Limerick City Fire Station

CIVIL DEFENCE

Throughout 2011 the Civil Defence team responded to emergency relief and support, ensure the operation of vital services and the maintenance of public life.

The Search and Rescue service assisted in many searches during the year on and along the River Shannon.

Highlights in the Community for Civil Defence include St. Patrick's Day Festival, Thomond Park, Jackman Park, Riverfest Festival, Great Limerick Run, Africa Day, Corpus Christi Procession, Limerick Dualthon, Limerick City Bicycle Parade, National Commemoration Ceremony, Walk of Dreams and Limerick Pride Festival.

The city's Civil Defence team also placed second in the 2011 Regional Competitions which were held in Nenagh. Counties competing were Limerick County, Clare, Tipperary South and Cork City.

The Major Emergency Management Working Group in the Mid-West Region conducted a Voluntary Emergency Services (VES) seminar in Thomond Park Limerick in August of 2011.

2011 Long Service Awards

10 year awards Ms. Siobhan O'Dwyer

20 year awards Ms. Lorraine O'Flaherty
Mr. Colm Costelloe
Mr. Paul Keane

Retirements Mr. Tom Shannon

SERVICE INDICATORS:

F: FIRE SERVICE

F1: Fire Service Mobilisation	
A. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of fire	1.23
C. Average time taken, in minutes, to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents.	1.24
F.2 Percentage of attendances at scenes	
A. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	90.26
B. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	9.132
C. Percentage of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	.609
D. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes.	86.55
E. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes.	12.11
F. Percentage of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes.	1.345
F.3 Fire prevention	
A. Total number of fire safety certificate applications received	49
B. Total number of fire safety certificate applications processed (including cases deemed invalid)	44
C. Total number of applications deemed invalid	0



Seirbhísí Dóiteáin & Tarrthála

OIBRÍOCHTAÍ I gCÁS DÓITEÁIN NÓ ÉIGEANDÁLA

San áireamh sna nithe a baineadh amach sa bhliain 2011 tá na rudaí seo a leanas:

- D'éirigh leis an tseirbhís freastal ar 1160 teagmhas i rith na bliana. Chuir an líon seo 657 teagmhas dóiteáin san áireamh.
- Cuireadh cúrsaí oiliúna ar fáil don fhoireann sna réimsí seo a leanas: An Chéad Fhreagróir Cairdiach, an Chéad Fhreagróir i gcás Éigeandála, Ábhair Ghuaiseacha, Oibritheoir Ardán an Dréimire Aerga, Cúrsa Athnuachana ar Theicnící Comhrac Dóiteáin Urrainne, Cúrsa Athnuachana ar Gaireas Análaithe, Cothabháil Ghairis Análaithe, Teicneoir Tarrthála Mearuisce, chomh maith le Seimineáir agus Cúrsaí Oiliúna éagsúla d'Oifigigh Shinsearach agus Shóisearacha.
- Sholáthraigh teagascóirí de chuid Chathair Luimnigh oiliúint um an gCéad Fhreagróir Mearuisce d'fhoireann Sheirbhís Dóiteáin agus Tarrthála Chomhairle Contae Luimnigh.
- Thug na foirne oibriúcháin go léir faoi bhlocoiliúint, agus críochnaigh siad é, in Ionad Oiliúna Bhriogáid Dóiteáin Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Cuireadh feabhas ar fheasacht agus inniúlacht Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta trí sheoladh na Seisiún Faisnéise Sábháilteachta ar fhreastail Oifigigh Shinsearach agus Shóisearacha agus Comhraiceoirí Dóiteáin orthu.
- Athbhreithníodh agus nuashonraíodh Ráiteas Sábháilteachta na seirbhíse.
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar chonarthaí seirbhíse agus cothabhála i leith fearas innealtóireachta dóiteáin, caidéal, locair dhóiteáin agus crangaidí.
- Leanadh leis an gclár um pleanáil réamhdhóiteáin chun áitribh atá go mór i mbaol laistigh de limistéar oibriúcháin na seirbhíse a chur san áireamh.
- Ceannaíodh trealamh nua le sábháilteacht an phearsanra a fhreagraíonn do theagmhais a bhaineann le huisce a fheabhsú.
- Bunaíodh coiste forbartha le sraith Náisiúnta Treoiríníte Buan-Nós Imeachta Oibre (SOGanna) a athbhreithniú agus a chur i bhfeidhm.
- Coimisiúnaíodh umar nua uisce agus cuireadh chun seirbhíse é.

- Cuireadh tús le tógáil ar dhá thancaer nua uisce le maoiniú iomlán ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.
- Cuireadh comórtas earcaíochta le haghaidh comhraiceoirí dóiteáin i gcric agus tosaíodh le hoiliúint a chur ar chúigear earcach nua i mí na Samhna.

AN RANNÓG UM CHOSC DÓITEÁIN, RIALÚ TÓGÁLA & STRUCHTÚIR CHONTÚIRTEACHA

Is é atá mar aidhm don Rannóg um Chosc Dóiteáin, Rialú Tógála & Struchtúir Chontúirteacha ná sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas na ndaoine a áitíonn nó a úsáideann foirgnimh a áirithiú, tríd na rudaí seo a leanas a áirithiú: an priacal dóiteáin a laghdú, bealach éalaithe cuí, rochtain do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas agus breosla agus fuinneamh a chaomhnú. Chun é seo a bhaint amach, seo a leanas achoimre ar dhualgais na rannóige seo:

- Déantar measúnú ar iarratas ar dheimhniú um shábháilteacht ó dhóiteán, sula gcuirtear tús le foirgnimh a thógáil.
- Measúnú ar iarratas ar Theastais Rochtana do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas, cuireadh iarratas isteach ar réamháitíocht i bhfoirgneamh nua.
- Iniúchadh ar fhoirgnimh thráchtála agus bhaile le haghaidh easnamh i ndáil le sábháilteacht dóiteáin, agus tugtar faoi bhearta maidir le sábháilteacht dóiteáin a fheabhsú de réir mar is gá.
- Iniúchtaí ar láithreáin tógála áirithe chun a áirithiú go bhfuil an tógáil de réir na Rialachán Foirgníochta.
- Iniúchadh ar ghearáin i ndáil le foirgnimh chontúirteacha, agus bearta cuí á gcur san áireamh chun deireadh a chur le priacail don phobal.
- Tugtar cainteacha Shábháilteacht Dóiteáin sa Phobal do bhaill uile an phobail, go háirithe grúpaí scoileanna agus daoine aosta.

AN RANNÓG UM BAINISTÍOCHT MÓRÉIGEANDÁLA

Is iad feidhmeanna na Rannóige um Bainistíocht Móréigeandála forálacha chreatlach na bliana 2006, Creatlach le haghaidh Bainistíocht Móréigeandála i gComhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, a chur i bhfeidhm, maoirseacht agus athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar Phlean Móréigeandála Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus cumas Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh freagairt ar mhóréigeandáil a fheabhsú ar bhonn leanúnach.

San áireamh sna nithe a baineadh amach sa bhliain 2011 tá na rudaí seo a leanas:

- Córas acmhainní don fhoireann a fhorbairt a d'fhéadfaí a úsáid chun faisnéis phoiblí a fháil agus a sholáthar trí lárionaid ghlaonna i rith géarchéime.
- Eisiúint aguisíní nuashonraithe an Phlean Móréigeandálaí.
- Stiúradh cleachtadh barr tábla idirghníomhaireachta ina raibh baint ag an Lucht Bainistíochta Géarchéime agus ag an nGrúpa Comhordaithe Áitiúil.
- Córais a fhorbairt le haghaidh fógra maidir le gníomhaíochtaí BSL a bhfuil tionchar acu ar Chathair Luimnigh.
- Rannpháirtíocht fhoireann shinsearach na comhairle i gcúrsaí oiliúna comhordaithe ar an Láithreán.
- Cur i bhfeidhm rathúil na feidhme freagartha agus comhordaithe den Fhoireann Bainistíochta Géarchéime (CMT) agus den chóras bainteach bainistíochta faisnéise le linn thréimhse an riosca tuile agus ar aghaidh go dtí thréimhse na haimsire crua i mí na Samhna agus na Nollag.
- Baineadh úsáid rathúil as tabhairt isteach córas roinnte faisnéise agus slógaidh SMS-bhunaithe i gcomhordú ghníomhaíochtaí na Foirne Bainistíochta Géarchéime.
- Stiúradh seimineár maidir le Seirbhísí Éigeandála Deonacha (VES) i bPáirc Thuamhan agus bhí breis agus 60 oibrí deonach i láthair ó ghníomhaireachtaí deonacha éagsúla.



Civil Defence between the bridges



Civil Defence team at Emergency Management Conference, Thomond Park

COMHPHÁIRTÍOCHT SÁBHÁILTEACHTA POBAIL CHATHAIR LUIMNIGH

Is comhpháirtíocht idir Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, an Garda Síochána agus an HSE é Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Chathair Luimnigh (LCCSP). Seo a leanas aidhmeanna na comhpháirtíochta:

- Sábháilteacht Pobail a Mhéadú
- An Comhshaol a Chur Chun Feabhais
- Spiorad Pobail a Chur Chun Cinn

San áireamh i mbuaicphointí ár gcuid oibre sa bhliain 2011 bhí na nithe seo a leanas:

Siúlann Daltaí na hIdirbhliana síos ‘Sráid Sábháilteachta’

Ag leanúint le rath Shráid Sábháilteachta 2010, chuaigh déagóirí agus daoine fásta ó ghrúpaí éagsúla sa chathair trí ionad idirghníomhach ina raibh cásanna réadúla éagsúla i dtimpeallacht shábháilte dóibh.

Dhírigh an tSráid Sábháilteachta i mbliana ar an tionchar a bhíonn ag drugaí ar an duine, ar an teaghlach agus ar an bpobal níos leithne. Ghlac beagnach 400 déagóir agus duine fásta i gceardlanna drámaíochta in Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Luimnigh; d’éascaigh ionadaithe de chuid grúpaí pobal áitiúil na ceardlanna. Tugadh deis do na daoine a bhí i láthair féachaint ar radhairc éagsúla ó shaol andúileach drugaí atá i mbun téarnaimh.

Eagraíodh agus maoiníodh an tionscnamh i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na heagraíochtaí seo a leanas: Tascfhórsa Drugaí an Mheán-Iarthair, an tSeirbhís Phromhaidh, an Garda Síochána, an Coiste Gairmoideachais (VEC) agus Comhpháirtíocht Sábháilteachta Pobail Chathair Luimnigh.

LÁ SÁBHÁILTEACHTA D’AOSAIGH

Reáchtálar lá sábháilteachta an-fhaisnéiseach d’aosaigh Halla na Cathrach i mí na Bealtaine. Bhí ionadaithe ó ghníomhaireachtaí éagsúla i láthair ar an lá chun faisnéis a sholáthar, lena n-áirítear ‘Care & Repair’ Chathair Luimnigh, Seirbhís Dóiteáin Chathair Luimnigh, Rannóg Comhshaoil Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, Rannóg Tithíochta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh agus an FSS.

Tugadh pacáiste sábháilteachta do gach aosach a bhí i láthair ag an ócáid ina raibh bolgán solais a choiglíonn fuinneamh, slabhra sábháilteachta, aláram deataigh agus faisnéis maidir le saincheisteanna sábháilteachta. Ba ócáid thar a bheith fiúntach é chun béim a léiriú ar an tábhacht maidir le coinneáil sábháilte sa bhaile.

Campaí Samhraidh

I rith mhíonna an tsamhraidh d’oibrigh an LCCSP i gcomhpháirtíocht le hIonad Acmhainní Bhaile Uí Neachtain, SMILES, Northstar, Cúirt Chill Liadhaine, Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Chathair Luimnigh, Rugbaí na Mumhan agus Athbheochan Thuaisceart Luimnigh chun campaí spráúla a reáchtáil do dhaoine óga. D’oibrigh baill d’fhoireann an Chomhordaitheora Pobail ar Campaí Samhraidh Athbheochan Thuaisceart Luimnigh, i Halla Naomh Lelia agus Scoil Cailíní Naomh Munchin. Tugadh deis do na páistí páirt a ghlacadh i ngníomhaíochtaí éagsúla le linn an champa, lena n-áirítear siúlóid sléibhe sna Gaibhlte, spóirt i bPáirc Shíol mBroin agus snámh san Aquadome i dTrá Lí.

Sa Deisceart reáchtáladh an clár gníomhaíochtaí samhraidh i CLG Old Christian, an Ráth Bhán. Ghlac páistí páirt i spóirt agus i gcluichí éagsúla agus bhí ionadaí ó Rugbaí na Mumhan i láthair chun bunscoileanna rugbaí a mhúineadh do na páistí.

In Oileán an Rí d’oibríomar le Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Chathair Luimnigh chun campa spóirt a reáchtáil do pháistí ina gcónaí sa cheantar. Bhí deis ag na páistí sult a bhaint as raon leathan cluichí, agus ar an lá deiridh chuir an draíodóir Steven Spade iad faoina dhraíocht lena chleasa.

Reáchtáil an LCCSP campa samhraidh freisin do pháistí i nGarraí Eoin i gcomhar leis an Oibrí Forbartha Pobail. Bhí an campa seo ar siúl i Scoil Eoin Baiste Cailíní. Bhain na páistí a ghlac páirt leas as gach deis spóirt a imirt, a bheith rannpháirteach i ngníomhaíochtaí ealaíne agus scoileanna nua amhail cócaireacht a fhoghlaim.

Ag tógáil na gcampaí uile sa chathair san áireamh, rinne na Comhordaitheoirí Pobail teagmháil le beagnach 300 páiste ar fud na cathrach thar mhíonna an tsamhraidh.

COSAINT SHIBHIALTA

D'fhreagraigh an Chosaint Shibhialta d'fhóirithint agus do thacaíocht éigeandála chun oibriú na seirbhísí ríthábhachtacha agus cothabháil an tsaoil phoiblí a chinntiú.

Chuidigh an tSeirbhís Cuardaigh agus Tarrtháil le roinnt cuardach i rith na bliana ar an tSionainn agus ar a bruacha.

Lena n-áirítear i mbuacphointí an Phobail um Chosaint Shibhialta tá na nithe seo a leanas:
Lá Fhéile Pádraig, Páirc Thuamhan, Páirc Jackman, Féile na hAbhann, Mór-Rith Luimnigh, Lá na hAfraice, Toscu Chorp Chríost, Dé-atlan Luimnigh, Paráid Rothar Chathair Luimnigh, Searmanas Cuimhneacháin Náisiúnta, Siúlóid na mBrionglóidí agus Féile Pride Luimnigh.

Lena chois sin, bhain Cosaint Shibhialta na cathrach an dara háit amach i gComórtais Réigiúnacha 2011 a reáchtáladh san Aonach. Contaetha a bhí san iomaíocht ná Contae Luimnigh, an Clár, Tiobraid Árann Theas agus Cathair Chorcaí.

Stiúir an Meitheal um Bainistíocht Móréigeandála i Réigiún an Mheán-Iarthair seiminéar maidir le Seirbhísí Éigeandála Deonacha (VES) i bPáirc Thuamhan i Luimneach i mí Lúnasa 2011.

Duaiseanna Fadseirbhíse 2011

Duaiseanna 10 mbliana Siobhan O'Dwyer

Duaiseanna 20 bliain Lorraine O'Flaherty Colm Costelloe Paul Keane

Chuaigh ar Scor Tom Sionna

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:

F:SEIRBHÍS DÓITEÁIN

F1: Ullmhúchán na Seirbhíse Dóiteáin

A. Meán-am, i nóiméid, a ghlac sé briogáidí dóiteáin a ullmhú i Stáisiúin Lánaimseartha i ndáil le dóiteán	1.23
C. Meán-am, i nóiméid, a ghlac sé briogáidí dóiteáin a ullmhú i Stáisiúin Lánaimseartha i ndáil le gach teagmhas éigeandála eile.	1.24

F.2 Céatadán freastail ar chásanna éigeandála

A. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair laistigh de 10 nóiméad	90.26
B. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina rabhthas ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 10 ach laistigh de 20 nóiméad	9.132
C. Céatadán na gcásanna dóiteáin ina rabhthas ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 20 nóiméad	.609
D. Céatadán na gcásanna i ndáil le gach teagmhas éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair laistigh de 10 nóiméad.	86.55
D. Céatadán na gcásanna i ndáil le gach teagmhas éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 10 nóiméad ach laistigh de 20 nóiméad.	12.11
D. Céatadán na gcásanna i ndáil le gach teagmhas éigeandála eile ina raibh oibrí ar an láthair den chéad uair tar éis 20 nóiméad.	1.345

F.3 Cosc Dóiteáin

A. Líon iomlán iarratas ar dheimhniú um shábháilteacht ó dhóiteáin a fuarthas	49
B. Líon iomlán iarratas ar dheimhniú um shábháilteacht ó dhóiteáin a próiseáladh (lena n-áirítear cásanna a measadh a bheith neamhbhailí)	44
C. Líon iomlán iarratas a measadh a bheith neamhbhailí	0



Strategic Policy Committees

TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

The committee met on five occasions during 2011. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of topics including:

- Infrastructure Projects
- Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Effect of the opening of the Limerick Tunnel on traffic in the city
- Severe weather conditions impact and response by Roads and Water Services
- William Street re-modelling
- John's Square re-modelling
- Flood Management Plan
- Sustainable Transport Measures Grants 2011
- Coonagh/Knockalisheen Road
- Adoptions of Water Conservation & Rehabilitation Strategy
- Howley's Quay
- Water Services Investment Project

The following recommendations were made to City Council for approval:

- Reports on various notices of motion
- Roads Programme for 2011
- Recommendations on taking in charge of estates, roads and services
- Recommendation on the replacement of lead water piping
- Recommendation on extinguishments

THE ECONOMIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PLANNING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE.

The Committee met on four occasions in 2011. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Review of the Development Scheme
- Retail Incentive Scheme
- Report on the Fireplace Site Nicholas Street
- Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016

- The Strategic Environmental Assessment Statement of the Limerick City Development Plan 2010-2016
- Presentation received on the Proposed Draft Variation No.1 & 2
- Presentation on the Free Carparks Initiative
- Review of Derelict Sites
- Report on unfinished housing estates
- Update on the Parkway Valley Development

ENVIRONMENT SPC

The members met on four occasions in 2011. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- Amendment to Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws
- Cemetery Bye-Laws for Limerick City
- Amendment to Presentation of Waste Bye-Laws 2005
- Environmental Improvement Grant Scheme 2011
- Community Challenge, JP McManus Charitable Foundation
- Limerick City Council Tidy Towns Initiative 2011
- Limerick City Council Allotments Scheme
- Baggott Estate Amenity Enhancement Scheme
- Limerick City Council Biodiversity Plan
- Regional Replacement Waste Management Plan
- Longpavement Remediation Scheme
- Improvement Scheme for Mount Saint Laurence
- Renovation of Band Stand at Peoples Park
- Park Canal
- Limerick's Waterways
- Control of Horses Bye-Laws
- Environmental Inspectors, Litter & Waste
- Air Quality Standards 2002
- Smoke Free Playgrounds Initiative
- European Recycling Platform (ERP)
- Gum Litter Taskforce

Recommendations

The following recommendations were made to the City Council for their approval:

- Adoption of amended Intoxicating Liquor Bye-Laws
- Approval of Environmental Improvement Grants 2011
- That Limerick City Council write to the Minister for the Environment to request the banning of non rechargeable batteries
- That Limerick City Council write to the Minister for the Environment requesting that water is not extracted from the River Shannon
- That Limerick City Council would write to the Minister for the Environment to support a producer tax on chewing gum

CULTURAL AND SPORTING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE 2011

The Committee met on four occasions during 2011. Presentations were received and discussions were held on a wide range of issues including:

- a** Presentation on the *Limerick.ie*
- b** Presentation on Regeneration Process and the Closure of St. Enda's Community School & Sports Complex
- c** Presentation on Limerick City Gallery of Art.
- d** Presentation on The Royal Cinema Project

The following recommendations were made to the City Council for approval:

- That the Fireplace Site at 36-39 Nicholas Street be considered in the context of the proposed plan for Limerick City Museum to commence in early 2012.
- Approval of grants for 2011 under the Arts Act
Total amount : €12,000

SOCIAL POLICY & HOUSING STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The Director of Service provided reports, reviews were completed and discussions took place on the following issues:

- Review of Capital Expenditure 2010
- Brief Summary of principal Housing Operations 2010
- Report on Estate Management
- Report on Capital Allocations 2011
- Report on Social Intervention Grants 2011
- Report on Scheme of Letting Priorities
- Report on Housing Needs Analysis 2011
- Report on Social Intervention Grants/Estate Management Grants
- Report on General Housing Policy
- Brendan Kenny CEO Regeneration Agency attended and spoke at each SPC meeting on the progress of the Regeneration Programme.

The following policies were adopted by Limerick City Council:

- To approve the amended Scheme of Letting Priorities/ Allocations Scheme
- To approve the Social Intervention Grants

Coistí um Beartais Straitéiseacha

COISTÍ UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA IOMPAIR AGUS BHONNEAGAIR

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile cúig huaire sa bhliain 2011. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan ábhar, lenar áiríodh:

- Tionscadail Bhonneagair
- Straitéis Siúil agus Rothaíochta
- Tionchar oscailt Tolláin Luimnigh ar thrácht sa chathair
- Tionchar dianchoinníollacha aimsire agsu freagairt Seirbhísí Bóithre agus Uisce
- Athmhúnlú Shráid Liam
- Athmhúnlú Chearnóg Eoin
- Plean Bainistíochta Tuile
- Deontais um Bearta Iompair Inbhuanaithe 2011
- Bóthar Chnoc an Lisín/Ó Cuanach
- Glacadh le Straitéis Caomhnaithe agus Athchoirithe Uisce
- Cé Uí Uallaigh
- Tionscadal Infheistíochta Seirbhísí Uisce

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena bhformheas:

- Tuairiscí ar Fhógraí Tairisceana éagsúla
- Clár Bóithre don bhliain 2011
- Moltaí faoi thógáil eastát, bóithre agus seirbhísí i gcúram
- Moladh faoi ionadú píobán uisce luaidhe
- Moltaí faoi mhúchadh

AN COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH FHORBAIRT BEARTAS GEILLEAGRACH AGUS PLEANÁLA DON TODHCHAÍ.

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile ceithre huaire sa bhliain 2011. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheistanna, lenar áiríodh:

- Athbhreithniú ar an Scéim Forbartha
- Scéim Dreasachta Miondíola

- Tuarascáil ar Shuíomh Tinteáin Sráid San Nioclás
- Plean Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh 2010-2016
- Ráiteas ar an Measúnú Straitéiseach Comhshaoil de Phlean Forbartha Chathair Luimnigh 2010-2016
- Cur i láthair a fuarthas maidir le Dréacht athraithe Beartaithe Uimh.1 & 2
- Cur i láthair maidir le Tionscnamh na gCarrchlós Saor in Aisce
- Athbhreithniú ar Shuíomhanna Tréigthe
- Tuarascáil ar eastáit tithíochta neamhchríochnaithe
- Nuashonrú ar Fhorbairt Ghleann Bhealach na Páirce

SPC AN CHOMHSHAOIL

Bhuail na baill le chéile faoi cheathair sa bhliain 2011. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheistanna, lenar áiríodh:

- Leasú le Fodhlíthe um Dheochanna Meisciúla
- Fodhlíthe Reilige do Chathair Luimnigh
- Leasú le Cur i Láthair Fodhlíthe Dramhaíola 2005
- Scéim Deontas Feabhsaithe Comhshaoil 2011
- Dúshlán Pobail, JP McManus Charitable Foundation
- Tionscnamh na mBailte Slachtmhara Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh 2011
- Scéim Cuibhreann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh
- Scéim Feabhsúcháin Conláiste Eastát Baggott
- Plean Bithéagsúlachta Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh
- Plean Ionaid Réigiúnach um Bainistíocht Dramhaíola
- Scéim Feabhsúcháin an Chosáin Fhada
- Scéim Feabhsúcháin do Mount Saint Laurence
- Athchóiriú an Seastáin Bannaí i bPáirc an Phobail
- Canáil na Páirce
- Uiscebhealaí Luimnigh
- Fodhlíthe um Rialú Capall
- Cigirí Comhshaoil, Bruascar & Dramhaíl
- Caighdeán Cháilíocht Aeir 2002
- Tionscnamh Chlós Súgartha Saor ó Chaitheamh Tobac
- Clár Athchúrsála Eorpach (ERP)
- Tascfhórsa ar Bhruscar Guma Coganta

Moltaí

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena bhformheas:

- Glacadh le leasú ar Fhodhlíthe um Dheochanna Meisciúla
- Faomhadh Deontais an Tionscnaimh um Fheabhsú Comhshaoil 2011
- Go scríobhann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh chuig an Aire Comhshaoil chun cosc ar chadhnraí neamh-inathnuaite a lorg
- Go scríobhann Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh chuig an Aire Comhshaoil lena iarradh nach mbaintear uisce ón tSionainn
- Go scríobhfadh Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh chuig an Aire Comhshaoil chun tacú le cáin táirgeora ar ghuma coganta

COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH CULTÚIR AGUS SPÓIRT 2011

Bhuail an Coiste le chéile faoi cheathair sa bhliain 2011. Fuarthas cur i láthair agus reáchtáladh díospóireachtaí faoi raon leathan saincheisteanna, lena áiríodh:

- a** Cur i Láthair faoi *Limerick.ie*
- b** Cur i láthair faoin bPróiseas Athghiniúna agus Dúnadh Scoilphobail agus Coimpléasc Spóirt Naomh Éinne
- c** Cur i láthair ar Dhánlann Chathair Luimnigh.
- d** Cur i Láthair faoi Thionscadal na hAmharclainne Ríoga

Tugadh na moltaí seo a leanas don Chomhairle Cathrach lena bhformheas:

- Go gcuirfí an Suíomh Tinteáin ag 36-39 Sráid San Nioclás san áireamh i gcomhthéacs an phlean bheartaithe d'Iarsmalann Chathair Luimnigh le tosú go luath in 2012.
- Faomhadh deontas do 2011 faoin Acht Ealaíon: €12,000.

AN COISTE UM BEARTAIS STRAITÉISEACHA I LEITH BEARTAIS SHÓISIALTA AGUS TITHÍOCHTA

Sholáthair an Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí tuarascálacha, cuireadh athbhreithniúcháin i gcrích agus pléadh na saincheisteanna seo a leanas;

- Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Caipitiúil 2010
- Achoimre Ghairid ar Phríomhfheidhmíochtaí Tithíochtaí 2010
- Tuarascáil ar Bhainistiú Eastáit
- Tuarascáil ar Leithdháiltí Caipitiúil 2011
- Tuarascáil ar Dheontais um Idirghabháil Shóisialta 2011
- Tuarascáil ar Scéim Tosaíochtaí Ligean
- Tuarascáil ar Anailís ar Riachtanais Tithíochta 2011
- Tuarascáil ar Dheontais um Idirghabháil Shóisialta/Dheontais Bhainistiú Eastáit
- Tuarascáil ar Bheartas Tithíochta Ginearálta
- Bhí Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin na Gnómhaireachta Athbheochana Brendan Kenny i láthair agus labhair sé ag gach cruinniú de chuid an Choiste um Beartais Straitéiseacha ar dhul chun cinn Chlár na hAthbheochana.

Ghlac Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh leis na beartais a leanas:

- Chun Scéim Tosaíocht Ligean/Scéim Leithdháiltí leasaithe a fhaomhadh
- Deontais um Idirghabháil Shóisialta a fhaomhadh



FINANCIAL REVIEW LIMERICK CITY COUNCIL

Year ended 31st December 2011

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW

Revenue Expenditure Review

Revenue expenditure for the year amounted to €82,586,501 before transfers. Transfer to reserves amounted to €6,792,759, giving a total expenditure figure for 2011 of €89,379,259. This total expenditure figure exceeded the budgeted expenditure by €1,967,085. The details of the additional expenditure over adopted budget are set out in the report to Council under Section 104 of the Local Government Act 2001, which was circulated to the April Council Meeting. Income exceeded budget by €2,146,731 leading to a revenue surplus for 2011 of €179,646. This when added to the opening surplus of €317,825 gives an accumulated surplus at 31 December 2011 of €497,471.

Payroll continues to be the most significant cost with a total payroll cost in 2011 of €31,526,348 (excludes VEC Pensions). This figure shows no increase or decrease on the payroll cost in 2010 (€31,511,813). In 2010 payroll costs (excluding VEC pension) represented 34.1% of total expenditure. This increased to 35.3% in 2011 which is a significant percentage of overall expenditure. This indicates the need for the continued commitment to re-align pay and non-pay expenditure within the City Council. Payroll costs in 2011 remained in line with 2010 levels despite the introduction of measures that continued to control payroll costs in 2011 including the non renewal of temporary contracts, non filling of vacancies that arose in 2011 and reductions in overtime and allowances.

Expenditure is summarised by main area of expenditure as follows:

	2011 % of Expenditure			2010 % of Expenditure	
	€	%		€	%
Payroll	31,526,348	35.3%		31,511,813	34.1%
Operational expenses	33,526,898	37.5%		35,790,255	38.8%
Administration expenses	5,794,722	6.5%		5,825,088	6.3%
Establishment expenses	3,132,304	3.5%		2,928,266	3.2%
Financial expenses	7,391,921	8.3%		8,408,903	9.1%
Miscellaneous	1,214,308	1.4%		799,903	0.9%
Transfer to reserves	6,792,759	7.6%		7,017,434	7.6%
Total Expenditure	89,379,259	100.0%		90,910,822	100.0%

Revenue Income Review

Revenue income for the year amounted to €89,558,905. This represented a decrease of 3% on the total income in 2010 (€92,239,296). The following table summarises the main income sources:

	2011			2010	
	€	%		€	%
Grants & Subsidies	19,620,717	22%		21,817,465	24%
Contributions from other local authorities	10,998,487	12%		10,881,012	12%
Goods & Services	18,590,463	21%		18,957,298	21%
	49,209,667	56%		51,655,775	55%
Local Government Fund	8,204,778	9%		8,656,666	9%
Rates	30,721,667	34%		30,542,193	33%
Pension Related Deduction	1,422,793	1%		1,484,662	1%
	92,339,296	100%		92,339,296	100%

A number of income areas performed ahead of budget in 2011 resulting in a surplus income over budget. In particular the non-principal private residence charge, environment related income and housing related income contributed to a favourable outturn versus budget. The benefit of other increases in income such as Accommodation of Homeless Persons, additional road grants and Higher Education Grants would be cancelled by similar increases in expenditure. Overall income in 2011 was less than 2010 mainly due to the fact that VEC pensions were no longer processed by the Local Authority since mid 2011. This decrease in income was cancelled by a similar decrease in expenditure.

Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account

The total of Transfers from Revenue to Capital Account in 2011 was €5,803,112 (excludes loan reserves). Below find an extract of the largest of these transfers:

Insurance (Self-Insurance)	€2,121,691
Pension Gratuity Special Reserve (as approved by Council Jan 2012)	€800,000
RAS Ringfence (per Departmental Circular)	€731,721
Housing Grants - Limerick City Council contribution	€437,940
Corporate Buildings Capital Replacement Fund	€381,500
Contribution to DoEHLG funded housing maintenance	€315,853
Capital Replacement Fund - Waste Water Treatment Plant	€200,000
Funding Road Resurfacing & related works 2011.	€185,574
Munster Regional Control Centre Capital Balance Adjustment	€131,890
Limerick City Council contribution to House Purchase Legal Fees	€72,958

BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

The Balance Sheet presented shows that Limerick City Council had Fixed Assets of €1,019,793,404 and Work In Progress of €17,737,688 as at 31 December 2011. A full breakdown of these figures is set out in notes 1 & 2 to the AFS.

Capital income amounted to €75.0m in 2011 an increase of €0.7m on the 2010 figure of €74.3m. Grants account for 85% of total capital income in 2011.

Government Debtors declined to €0.27m at 31 December 2011, compared to €1.38m at 31 December 2010. This is mainly due to timely payment of current claims by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Collection percentages for all other areas of debt including Commercial Rates and Water were under constant pressure during 2011 mainly due to the ongoing economic downturn and level of vacancy in Limerick City (see Appendix 7 of Annual Financial Statement (AFS) 2011 for figures).

SUMMARY

The revenue surplus for 2011 is €179,646. As a result the accumulated revenue surplus at the end of 2011 is increased to €497,471 compared to €317,825 at the end of 2010. The retention of a cumulative surplus for a sixth year is a very positive reflection of the efforts of the elected members to address the historic financial situation of Limerick City Council, and is also reflective of the continuous efforts of the staff of Limerick City Council in achieving better value for money and increasing overall efficiencies during these challenging economic times.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2011

The Income and Expenditure Account Statement brings together all the revenue related income and expenditure. It shows the surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Expenditure by Division

	Gross Expenditure 2011 €	Income 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2011 €	Net Expenditure 2010 €
Housing & Building	14,199,321	14,896,220	(696,898)	(43,060)
Roads Transportation & Safety	10,333,795	6,192,525	4,141,270	3,222,024
Water Services	13,712,318	9,364,431	4,347,888	4,947,584
Development Management	4,430,571	835,730	3,594,840	3,213,236
Environmental Services	17,782,395	7,347,065	10,435,329	10,510,205
Recreation & Amenity	5,474,239	601,054	4,873,185	5,355,118
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	8,337,179	7,632,850	704,329	104,797
Miscellaneous Services	8,316,682	2,339,792	5,976,890	6,298,549
Total Expenditure/Income	82,586,501	49,209,667		
Net cost of Divisions to be funded from			33,376,834	33,608,453
Rates & Local Government Fund				
Rates			30,721,667	30,542,193
Local Government Fund - General Purpose Grant			8,204,778	8,656,666
Pension Related Deduction			1,422,793	1,484,662
			-	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			6,972,405	7,075,068
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(6,792,759)	(7,017,434)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			179,646	57,634
General Reserve @ 1st January 2011			317,825	260,191
General Reserve @ 31st December 2011			497,471	317,825

BALANCE SHEET

FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2011

This account summarises Limerick City Council's financial position at the year end, indicated by the value of its assets less its liabilities and the level of balances and reserves at its disposal

	2011 €	2010 €
Fixed Assets		
Operational	337,587,132	319,641,933
Infrastructural	658,190,173	654,544,804
Community	6,138,038	6,156,531
Non-Operational	17,878,060	8,178,061
	1,019,793,404	988,521,330
Work in Progress and Preliminary Expenses	17,737,688	10,377,382
Long Term Debtors	16,241,470	16,647,300
Current Assets		
Stocks	253,459	243,692
Trade Debtors & Prepayments	8,935,977	7,592,775
Bank Investments	23,319,067	23,291,650
Cash at Bank	537,294	-
Cash in Transit	-	-
Urban Account	-	-
	33,045,797	31,128,118
Current Liabilities (Amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	-	1,279,876
Creditors & Accruals	10,760,398	10,402,273
Urban Account	-	-
Finance Leases	-	-
	10,760,398	11,682,148
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	22,285,400	19,445,969
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year)		
Loans Payable	23,379,665	25,612,289
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable deposits	423,265	500,694
Other	1,169,082	724,104
	24,972,012	26,837,087
Net Assets	1,051,085,949	1,008,154,895
Represented by		
Capitalisation Account	1,019,793,404	988,521,331
Income WIP	15,147,930	9,659,997
Specific Revenue Reserve	-	-
General Revenue Reserve	497,471	317,825
Other Balances	15,647,144	9,655,743
Total Reserves	1,051,085,949	1,008,154,895

SERVICE INDICATORS:

M: MOTOR TAXATION

M. 1 Number of Motor Tax Transactions	
A. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	34169
B. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	7337
C. Number of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	20903
D. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with over the counter	54.75
E. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with by post	11.75
F. Percentage of motor tax transactions which are dealt with in other ways (e.g. online, by telephone)	33.49
M.2 Time Taken to Process Motor Tax Postal Applications	
A. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	6728
B. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	592
C. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	2
D. Number of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	15
E. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the same day as receipt of the application	91.70
F. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the second or third day from receipt of the application	8.07

G. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	0.03
H. Percentage of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc issued) in over five days from receipt of the application	0.20
M.3 Time Taken to Process Driving Licence Applications	
A. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	1178
B. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	4057
C. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	1192
D. Number of Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	493
E. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the same day as receipt of the application	17.02
F. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the second or third day from receipt of the application	58.63
G. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with on the fourth or fifth day from receipt of the application	17.23
H. Percentage of overall Driving Licence applications which are dealt with in over five days from receipt of the application	7.12
M.4 Public opening hours	
Average number of opening hours per week	28.5

SERVICE INDICATORS:

REV: REVENUE COLLECTION

Rev.1 House Rent	
A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from House Rent	92.98
B. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are up to 4 weeks old	8.3
C. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 4-6 weeks old	6.6
D. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are 6-12 weeks old	10.9
E. Percentage of arrears on House Rent that are more than 12 weeks old	74.2
Rev.2 Housing Loans	
A. Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due from Housing Loans	79.54
B. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are up to 1 month old	1
C. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	1
D. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	4
E. Percentage of arrears on Housing Loans that are more than 3 months old	94

Rev.3 Commercial Rates	
Amount collected at year-end as a percentage of amount due from Commercial rates	59
Rev.5 Non-Domestic Water Charges	
Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due for Non-Domestic Water Charges	67

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AIRGEADAIS COMHAIRLE CATHRACH LUIMNIGH

Don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2011

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AR IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAS

Athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Ioncaim

B'ionann €82,586,501 agus caiteachas ioncaim na bliana roimh aistrithe. B'ionann an t-aistriú go cúlchistí agus €6,792,759; b'ionann an tsuim iomlán chaiteachais do 2011 agus €89,379,259 dá thairbhe. Sháraigh an tsuim iomlán chaiteachais seo an caiteachas buiséadaithe faoi €1,967,085. Leagtar amach na sonraí faoin méid caiteachais a ghabh thar an mbuiséad ar glacadh leis sa tuarascáil don Chomhairle faoi Alt 104 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil, 2001, a scaipeadh ag cruinniú mhí Aibreáin de chuid na Comhairle. Sháraigh an t-ioncam an buiséad faoi €2,146,731; bhí barrachas €179,646 don bhliain 2011 dá thairbhe. Is ann do bharrachas carntha €497,471 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2011 nuair a chuirtear an barrachas leis an mbarrachas tosaigh €317,825.

Is é an párolla an costas is suntasaí mar is gnách; ba é costas iomlán párolla na bliana 2011 €31,526,348 (gan pinsin an Choiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh). Ní ionann an figiúr seo ardú ná laghdú ar an gcostas párolla in 2010 (€31,511,813). B'ionann costais phárolla na bliana 2010 (gan pinsean an Choiste Gairmoideachais san áireamh) agus 34.1% den chaiteachas iomlán. Tháinig ardú air seo aníos go 35.3% in 2011, atá ina chéatadán suntasach den chaiteachas iomlán. Tugann sé seo le fios go bhfuil gá le tiomantas leanúnach le caiteachas pá agus neamhphá a athailíniú laistigh den Chomhairle Cathrach. D'fhan costais phárolla in 2011 de réir leibhéal 2010 in ainneoin tabhairt isteach na mbeart a lean den rialú costas párolla sa bhliain 2011, lenar áiríodh neamh-athnuachan na gconarthaí sealadacha, neamhlíonadh na bhfolúntas a tháinig aníos in 2011 agus laghduithe ar ragobair agus ar liúntais.

Déantar achoimre ar an gcaiteachas de réir príomhréimse caiteachais mar seo a leanas:

	2011 % den Chaiteachas			2010 % den Chaiteachas	
	€	%		€	%
Párolla	31,526,348	35.3%		31,511,813	34.1%
Speansais oibriúcháin	33,526,898	37.5%		35,790,255	38.8%
Speansais riaracháin	5,794,722	6.5%		5,825,088	6.3%
Speansais bhunaíochta	3,132,304	3.5%		2,928,266	3.2%
Speansais airgeadais	7,391,921	8.3%		8,408,903	9.1%
Nithe ilghnéitheacha	1,214,308	1.4%		799,903	0.9%
Aistrithe go dtí cúlchistí	6,792,759	7.6%		7,017,434	7.6%
Caiteachas Iomlán	89,379,259	100.0%		90,910,822	100.0%

Athbhreithniú Ioncaim

B'ionann €89,558,905 agus ioncam na bliana. Laghdú 3% ba ea seo ar an ioncam iomlán in 2010 (€92,239,296). Déanann an tábla seo a leanas achoimriú ar na príomhfhoinsí ioncaim:

	2011			2010	
	€	%		€	%
Deontais agus Fóirdheontais	19,620,717	22%		21,817,465	24%
Ranníocaíochtaí ó údarais áitiúla eile	10,998,487	12%		10,881,012	12%
Farraí agus Seirbhísí	18,590,463	21%		18,957,298	21%
	49,209,667	56%		51,655,775	55%
Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil	8,204,778	9%		8,656,666	9%
Rátaí	30,721,667	34%		30,542,193	33%
Laghdú Pinseanbhunaithe	1,422,793	1%		1,484,662	1%
	92,339,296	100%		92,339,296	100%

D'éirigh níos fearr le roinnt réimsí ioncaim ná mar a rabhthas ag súil leo de réir bhuiséad na bliana 2011 agus b'ioncam a ghabh thar an mbuiséad ba thoradh air seo. Chuir an táille ar áit chónaithe phríobháideach neamhphríomha, ioncam a bhaineann leis an gcomhshaol, chomh maith le hioncam tithíocht-bhunaithe, le dea-thoradh nach rabhthas ag súil leis sa bhuiséad. Dhéanfaidh méadú ar an ioncam, mar shampla, Cóiríocht do Dhaoine gan Dídean, deontais bhreise bhóithre agus Deontais Ardoideachais cealú ar mhéaduithe dá samhail sa chaiteachas. Bhí an t-ioncam foriomlán in 2011 níos lú ná mar a bhí in 2010 de bharr nár phróiseáil an tÚdarás Áitiúil pinsin an Choiste Ghairmoideachais ó lár 2011. Chealaigh laghdú mar a chéile i gcaiteachas an laghdú seo in ioncam.

Aistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil

B'ionann iomlán na nAistrithe ó Ioncam go Cuntas Caipitil in 2011 agus €5,803,112 (gan cúlchistí iasachta san áireamh). Tá sliocht as na cinn ba mhó de na haistrithe seo thíos.

Árachas (Féin-Árachas)	€2,121,691
Cúlchiste Speisialta Aisce Phinsin (arna fhaomhadh ag an gComhairle Ean. 2012)	€800,000
Cur i leataobh RAS (de réir Ciorclán Roinne)	€731,721
Deontais Tithíochta - ranníocaíocht Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh	€437,940
Ciste Ionaí d'Fhoirgnimh Chorporáideacha	€381,500
Ranníocaíocht do chothabháil tithe arna maoiniú ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil	€315,853
Ciste um Ionadú Caipitil - Ionad Cóireála Fuíolluisce	€200,000
Maoiniú d'Atdhromchlú Bóthair agus oibreacha lena mbaineann 2011.	€185,574
Coigeartú Caipitil Iarmhéid d'Airmheán Réigiúnach Rialaithe na Mumhan	€131,890
Ranníocaíocht Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh do Tháillí Dlí i leith Ceannach Tí	€72,958

ATHBHREITHNIÚ AR AN GCLÁR COMHARDAITHE

Tugann an Clár Comhardaithe a sholáthraítear le fios go raibh Sócmhainní Seasta ag Comhairle Cathrach Luimnigh dar fiú €1,019,793,404 agus Obair idir Lámha dar fiú €17,737,688 amhail an 31 Nollaig 2011. Leagtar amach briseadh síos iomlán na bhfigiúirí seo i Nótaí 1 agus 2 den AFS.

B'ionann ioncam caipitil agus €75.0 milliún in 2011; méadú €0.7 milliún ar fhigiúr na bliana 2010 (€74.3 milliún). B'ionann deontais a fuarthas agus 85% den ioncam iomlán caipitil in 2011.

D'ísligh Féichiúnaithe Rialtais chuig €0.27m amhail an 31 Nollaig 2011, i gcomparáid le €1.38m amhail an 31 Nollaig 2010. Tharla sé seo mar gheall ar íocadh tráthúil na n-éileamh reatha ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil go háirithe. Bhí céatadáin bhailiúcháin i leith na réimsí eile fiachais, lena n-áirítear Rátaí Tráchtála agus Uisce, faoi bhrú seasmhach le linn 2011, go háirithe mar gheall ar an gcor chun donais eacnamaíoch leanúnach agus an leibhéal folúntais i gCathair Luimnigh (feic Aguisín 7 den Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil (AFS) 2011 chun figiúirí a fheiceáil).

ACHOIMRE

B'ionann an barrachas ioncaim don bhliain 2011 agus €179,646. Mar thoradh air seo, bhí méadú ar an mbarrachas carntha ioncaim ag deireadh 2011 aníos go €497,471, i gcomparáid le €317,825 ag deireadh 2010. Dea-chomhartha is ea barrachas carntha a choimeád sé bliana as a chéile i ndáil le hiarrachtaí na mball tofa dul i ngleic le cás stairiúil airgeadais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh, agus is comhartha é freisin maidir le hiarrachtaí leanúnacha fhoireann Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ar luach níos fearr ar airgead a bhaint amach agus ar éifeachtúlachtaí foriomlána a fheabhsú le linn na haimsire eacnamaíochta dúshlánaí seo.

RÁITEAS AN CHUNTAIS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

Don Bhliain dar Críoch an 31 Nollaig 2011

Tugtar an t-ioncam agus an caiteachas go léir a bhaineann le hioncam le chéile i Ráiteas an Chuntais Ioncaim agus Chaiteachais. Taispeántar an barrachas/(easnamh) don bhliain.

Caiteachas de réir Rannóige

	Ollchaiteachas 2011 €	Ioncam 2011 €	Glanchaiteachas 2011 €	Glanchaiteachas 2010 €
Tithíocht agus Tógáil	14,199,321	14,896,220	696,898	(43,060)
Bóithre, Iompar agus Sábháilteacht	10,333,795	6,192,525	4,141,270	3,222,024
Seirbhísí Uisce	13,712,318	9,364,431	4,347,888	4,947,584
Bainistíocht Forbartha	4,430,571	835,730	3,594,840	3,213,236
Seirbhísí Comhshaoil	17,782,395	7,347,065	10,435,329	10,510,205
Caitheamh Aimsire agus Taitneamhacht	5,474,239	601,054	4,873,185	5,355,118
Talmhaíocht, Oideachas, Sláinte agus Leas	8,337,179	7,632,850	704,329	104,797
Seirbhísí Ilghnéitheacha	8,316,682	2,339,792	5,976,890	6,298,549
Caiteachas/Ioncam Iomlán	82,586,501	49,209,667		
Glanchoitas mhaoiniú na Rannóg ó			33,376,834	33,608,453
Rátaí agus Ciste Rialtais Áitiúil				
Rátaí			30,721,667	30,542,193
Ciste an Rialtais Áitiúil – Deontas Ilfheidhme			8,204,778	8,656,666
Laghdú Pinseanbhunaithe			1,422,793	1,484,662
			-	-
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don bhliain roimh aistrithe			6,972,405	7,075,068
Aistrithe ó/(go) Cúlchistí			(6,792,759)	(7,017,434)
Barrachas/(Easnamh) iomlán don bhliain			179,646	57,634
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 1 Eanáir 2011			317,825	260,191
Cúlchiste Ginearálta amhail an 31 Nollaig 2011			497,471	317,825

CLÁR COMHARDAITHE

Don Bhliain dar Críoch an 31 Nollaig 2011

Achoimre atá sa chuntas seo ar staid airgeadais Chomhairle Cathrach Luimnigh ag deireadh na bliana, arna cur in iúl de réir luach a cuid sócmhainní lúide a cuid dliteanas agus an leibhéal iarmhéideanna agus cúlchistí atá aici.

Sócmhainní Seasta

Oibríochtúil
Bonneagar
Pobal
Neamh-oibríochtúil

Obair ar Siúl agus Réamhchostais

Féichiúnaithe Fadtéarmacha

Sócmhainní Reatha

Stoic
Féichiúnaithe Trádála agus Réamhíocaíochtaí
Infheistíochtaí Baine
Airgead sa Bhanc
Airgead faoi Bhealach
Cuntas Uirbeach

Dlitanais Reatha (Suimeanna atá dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin)

Rótharraingt Bhaine

Creidiúnaithe agus Fabhrúithe
Cuntas Uirbeach
Léasanna Airgeadais

Glansócmhainní Reatha/(Dlitanais)

Creidiúnaithe (Suimeanna nach bhfuil dlite go ceann bliain amháin ar a luaithe)

Iasachtaí Iníoctha
Léasanna Airgeadais
Éarlaisí In-aisíoctha
Eile

Glansócmhainní

Á n-ionadú ag

Cuntas Caipitlithe
Ioncam ar Obair idir Lámha
Sain-chúlchiste Ioncaim
Cúlchiste Ginearálta Ioncaim
Iarmhéideanna Eile
Cúlchistí Iomlána

2011 €	2010 €
337,587,132	319,641,933
658,190,173	654,544,804
6,138,038	6,156,531
17,878,060	8,178,061
1,019,793,404	988,521,330
17,737,688	10,377,382
16,241,470	16,647,300
253,459	243,692
8,935,977	7,592,775
23,319,067	23,291,650
537,294	-
-	-
-	-
33,045,797	31,128,118
-	1,279,876
-	-
10,760,398	10,402,273
-	-
-	-
10,760,398	11,682,148
22,285,400	19,445,969
23,379,665	25,612,289
-	-
423,265	500,694
1,169,082	724,104
24,972,012	26,837,087
1,051,085,949	1,008,154,895
1,019,793,404	988,521,331
15,147,930	9,659,997
-	-
497,471	317,825
15,647,144	9,655,743
1,051,085,949	1,008,154,895

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:
M: CÁNACHAS MÓTAIR

M. 1 Líon na nIdirbheart Mótarchánach	
A. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo thar an gcuntar	34169
B. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo sa phost	7337
C. Líon na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo ar dhóigheanna eile (e.g. ar líne, ar an teileafón)	20903
D. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo thar an gcuntar	54.75
E. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo sa phost	11.75
C. Céatadán na n-idirbheart mótarchánach ar déileáladh leo ar dhóigheanna eile (e.g. ar líne, ar an teileafón)	33.49
M.2 An tAm a Ghlac sé Iarratais Mótarchánach Poist a Phróiseáil	
A. Líon na n-iarratas poist a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) ar an lá céanna a fuarthas an t-iarratas	6728
B. Líon na n-iarratas poist a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca a eisiúint) ar an dara lá nó ar an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	592
C. Líon na n-iarratas poist a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca a eisiúint) ar an gceathrú lá nó ar an cúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	2
D. Líon na n-iarratas poist a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) níos mó ná cúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	15
E. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) ar an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas	91.70
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist foriomlán a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) ar an dara lá nó ar an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	8.07

G. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist foriomlán a dhéileáiltear leo ar an gceathrú nó ar an gcúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	0.03
H. Céatadán na n-iarratas poist foriomlán a dhéileáiltear leo (i.e. diosca arna eisiúint) níos mó ná cúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	0.20
M.3 An tAm a Ghlac sé Iarratais ar Cheadúnais Tiomána a Phróiseáil	
A. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána a dhéileáiltear leo ar an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas	1178
B. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo ar an dara lá nó ar an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	4057
C. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo ar an gceathrú nó ar an gcúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	1192
D. Líon na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo níos mó ná cúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	493
E. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo ar an lá céanna agus a fuarthas an t-iarratas	17.02
F. Céatadán na n-iarratas foriomlán ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo ar an dara lá nó ar an tríú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	58.63
G. Céatadán na n-iarratas foriomlán ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo ar an gceathrú nó ar an gcúigiú lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	17.23
H. Céatadán na n-iarratas ar Cheadúnais Tiomána ar déileáladh leo níos mó ná cúig lá ó fuarthas an t-iarratas	7.12
M.4 Uaireanta oscailte poiblí	
Méanlíon na n-uaireanta oscailte in aghaidh na seachtaine	28.5

TÁSCAIRÍ SEIRBHÍSE:
REV: BAILIÚCHÁN IONCAIM

Ioncam 1 Cíos Tí	
A. Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Chíos Tí	92.98
B. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh suas go 4 seachtaine	8.3
C. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh 4-6 seachtaine	6.6
D. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh 6-12 seachtaine	10.9
E. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le Cíos Tí arb ann dóibh ar feadh níos faide ná 12 sheachtain	74.2
Ioncam 2 Iasachtaí Tithíochta	
A. Méid bailithe ag deireadh na bliana mar chéatadán den mhéid dlite ó Iasachtaí Tithíochta	79.54
B. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh mí amháin	1
C. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh 1-2 mhí	1
D. Céatadán riaráistí i dtaca le hIasachtaí Tithíochta arb ann dóibh ar feadh 2-3 mhí	4
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Retirements & Death in Service 2011



Clement Reynolds *Superintendent*



Tom Barry *Superintendent*



Michael Noonan *Asst. Supervisor*



Thomas Hanley *Supervisor*

Martin Bourke	<i>Driver</i>
Tom Barry	<i>Superintendent</i>
John O'Shea	<i>Firefighter</i>
Toni Sherin	<i>Clerical Officer</i>
Jeremiah Quain	<i>Craftsman</i>
Colette McNamara	<i>School Warden</i>
Thomas Hanley	<i>Supervisor</i>
Margaret Shanahan	<i>School Warden</i>
Pat Flood	<i>Firefighter</i>
Pat Eyres	<i>Senior Executive Engineer</i>
Clem Reynolds	<i>Superintendent</i>
John O'Connor	<i>Craftsman</i>
Richard Tobin	<i>Senior Planner</i>
Pat Coughlan	<i>General Operative</i>
James O'Donovan	<i>Technician Grade 1</i>

Michael Noonan	<i>Asst. Supervisor</i>
Anthony O'Donnell	<i>Big Packer Loader</i>
Peter Griffin	<i>Big Packer Loader</i>
Joe O'Donnell	<i>Housing Maintenance Driver</i>
Alice Mullane	<i>School Warden</i>

Please remember the following staff member who died in service:

Donal Murphy (1949 to 2011)

We were saddened by the loss of our colleague Donal who passed away on 11th September 2011. Donal joined Limerick City Council in 2000. He was based in Rathbane Maintenance Department, and was a first class tradesman. Donal is sadly missed by all his colleagues.

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